

## Guinness hold crisis meeting over Saunders

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders was last night locked in a meeting with Guinness directors at a secret location in London amid speculation that he would relinquish his position as chairman of the brewing and leisure group.

The meeting was believed to be considering a plan for Mr Saunders to step down as chairman — at least for the duration of the Government's investigation into Guinness.

He would remain as chief executive of the group effectively running the company under a new chairman chosen from the five independent, part-time, Guinness directors.

Mr Saunders is understood to be opposed to the idea of a new chairman coming in over his head. However, major shareholders in Guinness have become increasingly concerned in the past few weeks that the investigation is deflating Mr Saunders from his primary task of running the company.

These concerns increased following Monday's announcement that there would be no interim report on the investigation.

The shareholders have been pressing the independent directors to formulate a contingency plan should Mr



Mr Ernest Saunders yesterday: opposed to stepping down

vised board structure which involved dropping proposals, made during the takeover bid for Distillers, for Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, to become chairman of the company.

Meanwhile Sir David Napley, the lawyer called in to advise Guinness on the investigation, yesterday wrote to Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, demanding the return of £7.6 million at the centre of a dispute between the two parties.

Guinness claims that the money was meant to be held by Ansbacher on interest-free deposit until the money has been rolled over in a monthly account.

Ansbacher says that it was to be used to purchase 2.15 million Guinness shares, and that it has never received notices of monthly renewals of

the account, allegedly sent to it by Guinness.

A spokesman for Ansbacher said yesterday that the bank was taking further legal advice on the matter and would reply to Sir David in due course.

Department of Trade inspectors have widened their investigations into Guinness to cover a series of "comfort" deals offered by Mr Roger Seelig, the former Morgan Grenfell director to purchasers of Guinness shares during Guinness' bid for Distillers.

The inspectors are looking to see whether the deals have breached Companies Act provisions prohibiting a company from providing financial assistance to a third party to purchase its own shares.

They are also considering whether Guinness could be held responsible for the breaches on the grounds that Morgan Grenfell was acting on its behalf.

It is these deals which led to the resignation of Mr Seelig last week.

During the course of the Guinness bid for Distillers, Mr Seelig approached a number of institutions offering reciprocal favours, if they purchased Guinness shares.

Mr Seelig is understood to have stopped short of offering formal indemnities to the purchasers of the shares.

Nevertheless, it was these deals which precipitated Mr Seelig's resignation last week. Morgan Grenfell is understood to be maintaining that it neither knew or authorised them — a fact which Mr Seelig hotly disputes.

Neither Morgan Grenfell or Guinness would comment on these suggestions yesterday, whilst Mr Seelig was not available for comment.



Police Inspector Douglas Lovelock leaves court yesterday with his wife Julie and daughter (Photograph: Stuart Nicol)

## Lambeth distrusted by police

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Staff in the London Borough of Lambeth's housing department were accused yesterday by a senior police officer of leaking information about police operations when asked for help.

The accusation came at the Central Criminal Court on the second day of the trial of Insp Douglas Lovelock, the Metropolitan Police officer whose shooting of an innocent woman in a raid on her house led to the Brixton riots in September 1985.

Supt Ian Beckett, who commanded the raid on the home of Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce, told the court that a decision was taken not to ask Lambeth council, the owners of the house, for details of its layout, as such an approach might endanger the whole operation.

Previous similar requests had been refused, he said, and in some cases details of police operations had been leaked.

Last night a council spokesman said that co-operation had been given to the police in the past for surveillance operations and he had no knowledge of "leaking".

"We have allowed police to take over houses, but we are not in favour of this kind of raid because it does frighten people," he said.

Further substantiation of Mr Beckett's allegations would be needed before the matter was taken any further by the council, he said.

Mrs Groce, aged 39, gave evidence yesterday from her wheelchair. She spent more than an hour telling of her encounter with Mr Lovelock, which left her paralysed from the waist down because of the gunshot wound she received.

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## Thatcher 'hates' hung parliaments

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

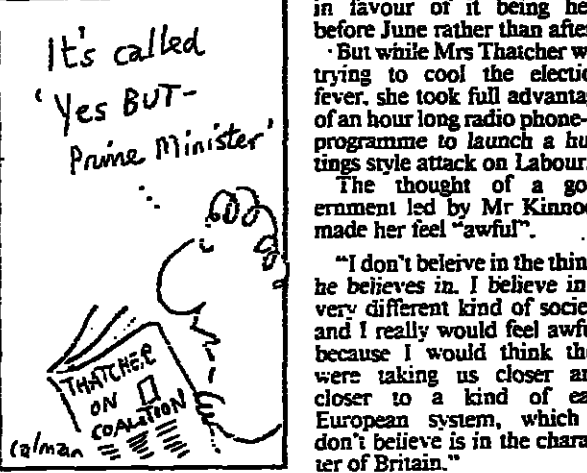
Mrs Thatcher yesterday spoke of her hatred for hung parliaments or coalition governments and dampened down speculation about calling a spring general election.

However, she was careful to leave open the possibility of being involved in a coalition pact should the Conservatives fail to get an overall majority after the next election.

"What I hate about a hung parliament or these coalitions is that the first thing you have to do is to start from everything on which you have got, perhaps, the biggest number of seats in an election, and compromise it."

"There is something that is not quite as honest as I would like it about that. It may be it has to be done; sometimes it has been done in the past. But in this country coalitions break up pretty quickly. One of the reasons is they frequently tend to duck the difficult decisions."

The last opinion poll



## US control alleged by Meacher

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's Health and Social Security spokesman, today makes astonishing allegations in support of a claim that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government has deliberately conspired in making Britain a humiliated subordinate of the United States.

The claims come on the day that the Shadow Cabinet meets at Bishop's Cleeve, seeking to switch attention from defence issues to the Government's record on unemployment and the economy.

Mr Meacher says in a letter to his constituents that what he calls a massive encroachment by America in the right of British people to run their own affairs is a more important election issue than unemployment or the health service or defence.

In support of his claims that the British Government has willingly reduced Britain to an American dependency, Mr Meacher claims:

● That the CIA places agents in the Ministry of Defence ostensibly to prevent our supplying arms to Eastern Block countries but in reality to spy on British companies.

● That the Government has secretly laid the foundations for handing over, in the face of possible nuclear attack, large areas of Britain to control by US forces.

● That three Emergency Powers Bills have been drawn up whereby the Government will take complete power to itself, divest MPs of their powers, rule the country directly

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## Officers held in riot at prison

Three prison officers were being held hostage at Barlinnie jail, Glasgow, last night after rioting prisoners threatened to stab one in the neck if water hoses were trained on them. In a day of rising tension at the jail, where inmates rioted on Monday evening, prisoners on the roof shouted that they had held five officers but had released two.

One officer was paraded on the roof of the jail. Several more remained trapped in B hall, one of five blocks in the prison which houses up to 1,300 inmates.

The prisoners claimed that they had broken into a cell where the five officers were sheltering, and threw down what they claimed was an officer's warrant card.

Moments earlier, water hoses were seen being directed onto the roof from inside the prison. The Scottish Office said that it was negotiating for the release of the rest of the officers.

Thirty four prison officers were injured in sustained assaults by prisoners armed with roof slates during the day. Three officers were taken to hospital, one with a broken ankle and the others with cuts.

The ferocity of the initial fighting on Monday, which marked the start of Scotland's third prison disturbance in as

Officers warning and photograph

many months, was evident from the trophies that rioters displayed on the jail's rooftop. Among them were riot shields, one splattered with blood, as well as truncheons and officers' caps and coats.

The disturbance began at about 8pm on Monday. Many injuries were sustained in a hail of missiles hurled by the prisoners when an attempt was made to rescue 14 warders who had sheltered in cells.

Wearing masks and balaclavas, 24 prisoners climbed onto the roof and displayed banners protesting against alleged brutality. Their demonstration centred on allegations of brutality by a specific prison officer, and appeared to have been prompted by an alleged assault on a convicted robber.

Samuel Ralston, aged 23, who was jailed last month for six years, is thought to have been at the centre of a disturbance at the prison on New Year's Day. He staged a solo protest on the roof of D Hall at Barlinnie while he was awaiting trial last November.

Mr Ian Lang MP, Under-Secretary of State for Scottish Office Minister for Industry and Home Affairs at the Scottish Office, said: "I'm very concerned at what is happening at Barlinnie but I'm sure that the staff have the situation well under control."

## INSIDE Spending power up by 5%

The average Briton's spending power rose by 5% in the 12 months to the end of last year, the biggest annual rise under the present Government.

The increase was fuelled by big wage increases, low inflation and a small cut in income tax, according to official figures released yesterday.

But the trend is not expected to continue unless there are big tax cuts in the next budget. Page 3

## Gadaffi may attack Chad

Colonel Gadaffi may be planning a counter offensive against Chadian troops by sending a relief column through Sudan to retake Fada in northern Chad, a diplomatic source in Paris said. Page 7

## IT progress

The new IT Institute at Milton Keynes will help put Britain in the lead in computerized communications. A Special Report looks at its progress. Pages 13-15

## IN PART ② £8m Halpern

The Burton high street group is planning an executive share option scheme, which could be worth £8 million to Sir Ralph Halpern, the chairman. Page 19

## Buyout record

Buyouts of companies by their managements reached a record last year with 243 deals worth £1.4 billion — equal in value to the total for the two previous years. Page 19

## Robson goes

Stewart Robson, the Arsenal and England under-21 footballer, was bought by West Ham United for a fee believed to be about £700,000. Page 38

## New faces

England have named two new players in their much-changed side to play Scotland in the Five Nations rugby union championship at Twickenham on January 17. Page 38

## Portfolio

● There was no winner yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition, so today's prize is doubled to £8,000.  
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## Anderton crusade criticized

Two committed Christians clashed over Aids yesterday when an outspoken Archbishop accused a controversial chief constable of driving sufferers underground by launching a moral crusade.

The Archbishop of York, the Right Rev Dr Habgood dismissed a recent speech in which Greater Manchester's Chief Constable James Anderton suggested that Aids stemmed "from a cesspit of immorality infested by homosexuals, prostitutes and unfaithful husbands".

The result of Mr Anderton's message had been to spread fear and guilt among Aids victims who now hide as hapless victims in a model ghetto instead of seeking medical help, Dr Habgood said.

Addressing community physicians at a seminar in York organized by the Faculty of Community Medicine and Society of Health Education Officers Dr Habgood said there now exists a general fear throughout the church that hardening anti-Aids attitudes are worsening an already sensitive situation.

"If one goes too far in stressing fear and guilt one is simply adding to the burden which sufferers already have."

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## Contras' US office burgled

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The main Nicaraguan Contra group says its Washington office has been burgled in the latest of a string of mysterious thefts of documents dealing with private funding of the rebels.

"Our bank records are gone. All the cancelled cheques are gone, all the receipts," Señor Bosco Matamoros, Washington representative of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) said. "There is no sign of anybody breaking in but the locks on our doors were not very good. I think we were overtaken."

Several other mysterious developments suggest that efforts may be underway by unknown people to steal documents from the Contras and from groups opposing them.

Last month an attorney in Cupertino, California, said burglars had stolen a file on Mr Albert Hakim, a central figure in the Iran arms sale operation. A week later he reported that the file had mysteriously returned.

Before Christmas the Washington office of the Centre for International Development, a liberal group that has carried out its own investigation of

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## Freeze fear premature

Colder though it certainly is, the weathermen have changed their mind about yesterday's great freeze alert.

Last night the Meteorological Office said that an anticyclone pushing in from the west means the cold spell will be accompanied by mild and gentle breezes from the north.

Some sleet and light snow showers may get into East Anglia and Kent. Today the west and eastern Scotland can look forward to mostly dry and sunny weather.

Tonight will be cold with lowest temperatures in central England down to -7 deg. Celsius.

## A Mars on race day makes trainer pay

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A Mars a day may help humans work, rest and play but it disqualifies racehorses with a sweet tooth, the Jockey Club ruled yesterday.

The 20-1 winner of a race at Ascot last September, De Rigueur, emerged the loser after it was found to have munched a Mars bar.

The chocolate bar contains theobromine, a natural substance related to caffeine, and produced in the cocoa bean.

The substance, however, is banned under Jockey Club rules because it is deemed to be a stimulant. De Rigueur, a four-year-old gelding, was

given a Mars by a teenage stable girl, Miss Tanya Mayne, the day before the race.

But after champion jockey Pat Eddery had ridden it to victory, traces of theobromine were found in a routine test on the horse's urine.

The girl's action cost the horse's connections its prize-money of £10,000 because of its automatic disqualification, and meant a £575 fine for the trainer, Mr James Bethell, yesterday.

No action was taken at the 80-minute inquiry against Miss Mayne, who admitted administering the substance.

The fine on Mr Bethell is the minimum which can be imposed under the rule unless

the stewards are satisfied that the substance "was not administered by him or by any other person intentionally and that he had taken all reasonable precautions to avoid a breach of the rule".

After the hearing, Mr Bethell, who was legally represented, said: "I thought Tanya would have known about it. She was with another trainer before me and also with the Apprentice Training School. It's ridiculous they don't teach them that sort of thing."

"It has cost me over £1,000 as a percentage of the prize-money and on top of that I have been fined £575 for something I couldn't prevent. If I had known the night

before I would have withdrawn him. Hopefully, he will go on to win the Lincoln".

It is not the first time a Mars bar has figured in a Jockey Club inquiry. In August 1979, the Yorkshire-trained No Bombs was disqualified from a £4,000 race after it was found to have snatched a Mars from a stable lad on the way to the races.

A spokeswoman for Mars said at the company's Slough headquarters yesterday: "Theobromine is a natural substance found in all chocolate. It is a mild stimulant, but at the levels that exist in a Mars bar it would have absolutely no effect either on a horse or a human being."

## £925,000 haul in armed raid

By Tim Jones

More than 12,000 members of the National Union of Railwaymen employed by London Regional Transport on the London underground system are to stage a 24-hour strike next Wednesday.

The union intends to follow up its action, which it adhered to will cause widespread disruption, by beginning a campaign of refusing to work on rest days and banning overtime from January 19.

London Underground described the proposed strike as "a pointless action based on deceit". Staff had been fed a diet of "totally false claims", such as the non-existent threat to cut wages by £50 a week.

A spokesman said that members had been told the ballot was to strengthen the hand of union negotiators, not for taking strike action. "They have been conned and strike action will have no purpose other than to damage the success the company is enjoying."

He pointed out that the proposed strike would come two days before a long arranged meeting between Mr Jimmy Knapp and senior management negotiators.

The decision was taken after members had voted by almost five to one in a ballot to give their executive committee the right to call a strike over pay, jobs and conditions. Mr Knapp, the general secretary, welcomed the vote, 7,426 to 1,541.

He said the major issues were LRT's "stated intention of reducing wages and eroding conditions and subjecting NUR members to the 'iniquities of competitive tendering'."

In recent years, four other ballots conducted by the union for strike action have been turned down by guards, signallers and members employed in railway workshops.

Police said the van had been collecting money from a number of banks in Nottingham before arriving at the National Westminster Bank, in St Ann's, yesterday afternoon.

Two of the three security guards on board had gone into the bank leaving the third inside the van guarding the money.

Mr Charles Rice, a director of Group 4, last night confirmed that the robbers had escaped with £925,000 in cash.

He said: "Fortunately no one was seriously injured although one guard was slightly hurt. Our vans are specially constructed and it would have required considerable force to open it."

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# High wages push London house prices up by 23%

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices in London went up by 23 per cent during 1986, more than 10 times the increase in Northern Ireland and nearly eight times the increase in Scotland and the north of England, according to the Nationwide Building Society.

In two surveys, covering British house price movements and housing trends in London, the society says that the average price of a home in London has risen to £53,350, more than 35 per cent higher than in the United Kingdom overall.

The average price paid by Nationwide borrowers nationally was £41,150, while for first-time buyers the average was £33,280 and for previous owners £53,250.

Prices in the UK went up by 14 per cent during the year, compared with 10 per cent in 1985, and well ahead of earnings (8 per cent) and inflation (estimated at 3.5 per cent).

More than half of the first-time buyers in London had previously been living at home, a higher proportion than for the UK as a whole, and they also included an above average proportion of borrowers who had previously been living in privately rented accommodation.

Nationwide borrowers in London were younger than their UK counterparts, reflecting the high proportion of first-time buyers, and female main borrowers accounted for

Property Correspondent

nearly one quarter of the borrowers in London (24 per cent), a much higher proportion than nationally.

The society explains that borrowers in London were able to pay the higher prices because average incomes at £17,180 were well above the UK average, and because borrowers were prepared to commit a higher proportion of income to mortgage repayments.

Examining the prices, the society says that London buyers are not getting the value for money that can be obtained elsewhere. For £70,000 a buyer in the North or South-west can choose a comfortable four-bedroom detached house with a garden and garage. In the more up-market areas of London, however, the same money would buy only a relatively small town flat.

Mr Bernard Rozier, the society's general manager, said: "You might think that the exceptionally high price of property in London would deter people from entering the market, but that is clearly not the case. This is partly the result of above average incomes generally in London and partly because the continuing sales of council properties at discount are pushing up the number of first-time buyers."

He said that first-time buyers in London were increasingly having to purchase older and smaller properties.

## Council house owners can sell in three years

Owners of former council houses or flats which were bought at a discount under the Government's right-to-buy scheme will be free to sell them after three years, instead of five years, without paying back the discount.

The new move is part of the Housing and Planning Act 1986 which came into force today and was announced by

Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing.

There will be a new discount scale for tenants buying their flats. The minimum discount will be 44 per cent of the market value for a tenant of two years standing. For every extra year there will be another 2 per cent, up to a maximum of 70 per cent.

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## Call for action on young homeless

By Jill Sherman

The Government and local authorities have been urged to help stem the growing number of young homeless people.

The National Council of Voluntary Organizations, which represents more than 500 bodies, says that both statutory and voluntary agencies should provide a range of services that include emergency accommodation in hostels, bed-sits and flats; medical facilities taking account of the particular needs of the homeless; and advice, information and counselling services.

The report, which has been commissioned by the European Research into Consumer Affairs and the Disabilities Study Unit, also says that the Department of Education and Science should include lessons on "leaving home" in its curriculum.

The Government should strengthen the Housing Act 1985, it says, so that local authorities are given a mandatory responsibility to secure accommodation for all homeless people.

The Act, which gives local authorities responsibility for advising and assisting the homeless, does not refer specifically to the young. Housing organizations claim that most councils are reluctant to house people under 18.

The council says that existing data on the number of homeless, although scarce, suggests that the numbers, particularly in London, are rising significantly. Between July and September 1985 the Piccadilly Advice Centre in London, which gives housing and benefits advice specifically for the young homeless, reported a 52 per cent increase in the number of inquiries about temporary accommodation, reaching 1,283 that quarter.

"The life-style of far too many youngsters when they leave home is characterized by ugly and undesired periods in short-stay, temporary accommodation, in hostels, low-quality bed and breakfast establishments, bedding down on the floor of a friend or just sleeping rough," the report says.

Homeless Young People in Britain: The contribution of the voluntary sector (NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1E 6EJ).



Dr David Bellamy, the conservationist, at the launch of a drive to improve beaches (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Campaign to clean up filthy beaches

Britain's beaches are among the worst in Europe, Dr David Bellamy, the conservationist, said yesterday when he launched a clean-up campaign.

Bathers often swim in raw sewage and children have to build sandcastles among used condoms because of inadequate sewage treatment, he said at a London press conference.

Dr Bellamy is vice-president of the Marine Conservation Society, which has

launched the campaign with the Coastal Anti-Pollution League.

He said few of Britain's 800 bathing beaches conform to EEC standards and it will take about £1 billion to improve the situation.

Blackpool, one of the world's favourite seaside resorts, is among the worst and will cost about £25 million to clean, he said.

Other badly affected beaches include Lytham in Lancashire; New Brighton,

Merseyside; Penzance and St Ives in Cornwall.

Dr Bellamy said changes in contraception, partly due to advice about avoiding Aids, had led to the recurrence of an old problem - used condoms being flushed into the sea with raw sewage.

The campaign organizers say both the Government and the public must pay more to ensure sewage is properly treated in biological plant.

An information letter and request for donations is to be

sent to thousands of homes. It states: "Unless you want to go to the seaside and suffer the massive indignity of walking in your own excrement and bathing amongst solid, offensive waste in waters that make you ill, then join us in the campaign for a cleaner sea."

The South West Water Authority is to consider next month a £30 million scheme to alleviate problems in the Penzance and St Ives area. The project would stop raw sewage being pumped into the sea near beaches.

## Hospital social work

### Ministry rejects £2m bill

A London borough is taking the Government to arbitration over a £2 million bill for hospital social work.

The social services department at Camden, north London, has been pressing the Department of Health and Social Security to pay for services it provides to inner city hospitals.

However, while local authorities are entitled to present bills for health service work they have until now operated a reciprocal agreement with health authorities, under which there is no cross charging for hospital social work or school health services.

Camden says that it spends much more on hospital social work than any other local authority because of the large number of teaching centres it supplies.

Yet only a small percentage of the patients are residents of the borough.

The DHSS has, however, been resisting payment, anxious to avoid creating a precedent which could initiate cross charging between all health and local authorities.

Talks between the DHSS, the Association of Local Authorities and the London Boroughs Association failed to produce any solution.

A suggestion to pool all money spent by authorities in London on hospital social work, and redistribute it on a population basis also floundered when the London Boroughs Association refused to pool funds.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, subsequently offered £200,000 in recognition of its training work at the Tavistock Clinic, but Camden rejected it.

A spokesman for the DHSS said yesterday that although Camden had decided to proceed to arbitration talks were still taking place to find a solution.

## Gay pair 'plotted to kill boys'

By a Staff Reporter

Two homosexuals who met in Gloucester prison plotted to kidnap, torture and seductively kill young boys for sexual gratification, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The plot was discovered when the landlady of one of the men found a love letter from the other in his Exeter flat. Mr Richard Hawkins, counsel for the prosecution, said.

James Holland, aged 57, a writer, of Hanley Road, Finsbury Park, north London, and John Youatt, aged 35, unemployed, of Friars Walk, Exeter, Devon, have pleaded not guilty to conspiring between December 15, 1983, and January 27 last year to murder children.

They also deny conspiring to cause grievous bodily harm to children with intent, conspiring to assault indecently male children aged under 16, and conspiring to assault male children aged under 16 with intent to commit sexual offences.

Mr Hawkins said that the letter, in which Mr Holland described a midweek evening at St Paul's Cathedral which he had attended, showed that the pair had willingly and intentionally formed agreements together. It is alleged that these agreements were to kill, torture and sexually abuse young children.

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## Royal roll out next month for Airbus

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to give the royal seal of approval to Airbus A320, the European medium range jet.

They have agreed to perform the official "roll out" ceremony when the first A320 leaves the production line at Airbus Industrie headquarters in Toulouse, France, on February 14.

The St Valentine's Day launch of the 150-seat jet will, it is believed, give a tremendous fillip to the project, which is already assured of being a big money-spinner for the consortium.

So far 387 A320s have been earmarked for delivery to airlines around the world from the spring of 1988, although the first flight is not scheduled until March.

Airbus, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, nearly fills a hole in the market - it is an ultra-modern jet, which will be able to fly 150 passengers about 3,000 miles at a much lower cost than the present generation of aircraft.

Already 13 airlines or leasing companies have placed orders or options for the aircraft.

The launch customer will be British Caledonian, which has placed seven firm orders and has options on another three. They will replace its BAC 1-11s.

The attraction of Airbus over its American built rivals - the Boeing 737-300 and the McDonnell Douglas MD 90 - is its highly sophisticated controls and its fuel efficiency.

BCAL reckons that the seat cost per mile of running the A320 on its European routes will be 27 per cent less than with the existing 1-11 fleet. And Air France, another early customer for the aircraft, says it will save 65 per cent in fuel, compared with its present Caravelle jets.

The A320s are being assembled at Toulouse, with parts being flown in from around the world.

British Aerospace, which does 24 per cent of the work, builds the wings at its factory in Chester, then take them down to Filton for finishing. Aerospace builds the front part of the fuselage at Nantes and St Nazaire, the rear fuselage comes from Hamburg and the tail is made in Madrid.

The A320s are manufactured in Belgium and the CFM56 engines from a joint American/French company. The avionics are divided between practically all the European nations and America.

Plans are now well advanced to make the royal roll out ceremony one of the most impressive ever held by an aircraft manufacturer. The first aircraft should then fly in March for a year-long series of trials.

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## Cadet corps in Thatcher town

Lincolnshire police hope to start a volunteer cadet corps in St Thatcher's home town of Grantham, to teach good citizenship.

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BSB must prepare to become one of the largest buyers of television programmes in Europe. Deals with Hollywood and independent producers must be struck. Rights agreements will have to be made with the television industry unions, who are not known for their flexibility.

Finally, BSB must persuade the advertising industry to support the service.

Mr Robert Dodds, media director of the advertising agency, BBDO, said last week that satellite television must survive in a market where growing supply and increased competition are the dominant characteristics.

Potential advertisers, he said, will require assistance that the medium is being based on the demand of consumers, not the push of technology.

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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Singer rests after throat surgery

Sydney (AP) — Elton John, the 39-year-old pop singer, was resting comfortably yesterday after an hour's throat surgery which appears to have cured a problem that has plagued him for months, the hospital said.

"The operation went very, very well and is successful," St Vincent's Private Hospital said in a statement. "It is hoped that he will not need further surgery. There's every possibility that he will not."

Dr John Tonkin, a throat specialist, said the singer would not be able to perform for months, and must stay in hospital for the rest of the week. He has been told not to speak until then, and is communicating with pen and paper at the moment, said Patti Mostyn, his Australian publicist.

The hospital, at John's request, would not reveal his ailment. He has cancelled all performances in 1987, including a tour of the United States, after collapsing on stage during a performance in Sydney near the end of a 27-stop Australian tour.

## Maputo Gulf raid expulsion studied

Oslo (Reuters) — Norway's NRK state television reported yesterday that Mozambique has agreed to expel six senior officials of the African National Council (ANC) from Maputo.

NRK said in a report by its Africa correspondent that a demand by Pretoria was presented to the Mozambique Government in Maputo last week and was accompanied by unspecified threats if Mozambique did not expel the six.

## Message to Mexico

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday left Mexican leaders with a clear message that Britain hopes for a larger slice of their commercial business. (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Britain has lent more money to Mexico than to any other developing country except Brazil.

## Anthrax Car of the claim

British and American scientists built thousands of anthrax bombs for a biological warfare campaign against the Germans in the Second World War, Professor Barton Bernstein of California's Stanford University claimed yesterday. (Our Whitehall Correspondent writes).

## Ryzhkov enterprise

Helinski — Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, arrived yesterday on a four-day visit, and began immediate talks with President Kravtsov (Olli Kirvenen writes). His first working trip to the West as Prime Minister will focus on trade matters. It is believed that Moscow's first new joint enterprise with the West will be set up in preparatory talks the Russians agreed to form a joint company with Finnair to restore and run Hotel Berlin in Moscow.

## Off-duty speeding

Never (AFP) — René Arno, the French Formula 1 driver, right, could lose his driving licence after police said he drove a 552,000 Mercedes 500 at 157.25 mph near the central French town. He was stopped on a four-lane stretch of the RN 7 highway where the speed limit is 56 mph.

## Reagan faces battles with hostile Congress

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The hundredth Congress since American independence convened yesterday, with control of the Senate reverting to the Democrats, the formal setting up of the House and Senate committees to investigate the Iran arms affair and the election of new Democratic chairmen of all the important Senate committees.

Reassembling at noon for the traditional opening ceremonies, the two chambers elected their leaders: Congressmen Jim Wright of Texas, who became the Democratic Speaker overseeing the 258-177 Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, and Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, who resumed the post of majority leader in the Senate.

With the Democrats taking control of the Senate for the first time in six years, they began elections for leadership of the key committees. Senator Claiborne Pell, of Rhode Island, is due to take over from Senator Richard Lugar as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Sam Nunn, of Georgia, will take over from Senator Barry Goldwater as chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Both will play a vital role in shaping and challenging President Reagan's defence and foreign policies in the next two years.

The Democrats have promised to take a tough stand in Congress after their sweeping election gains in November. The first immediate challenge is to the \$1,020 billion (about £680 billion) Reagan Administration budget, which even Republicans said had little chance of survival.

The Democrats will also press the Administration hard on tougher trade measures to fight foreign competition, on the intractable farm subsidies, and on the Administration's arms control policies.



The Pope ordaining Monsignor Dino Monzini who, as a bishop, will become the new Prefect of the Pontifical Household. The episcopal ordination was one of 10 conducted by the Pope at St Peter's Basilica yesterday.

## French power cuts cause chaos as industrial unrest spreads

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Although the huge show of strength against the French Government's pay policies, called for by the Communist CGT union, failed to materialize yesterday, strikers caused considerable disruption in many areas, including gas and electricity services, the ports, the Paris bus and Métro, as well as on the railways.

Power cuts of up to three hours in the capital not only hit heating and paralysed lifts and automatic doors, but also blocked out traffic signals, further aggravating the traffic jams caused by people bringing their cars into work in anticipation of public transport chaos.

In fact, the public transport service was less badly affected than expected, with two in three buses and one in two Métro trains running normally. Services were nevertheless unpredictable, with only one in eight trains running on some lines.

On the railways, the situation remained much the same as on the previous day with 40 per cent of main-line trains, two-thirds of Paris suburban trains and 90 per cent of the high-speed TGV intercity trains operating more or less normally, though still subject to long delays caused by strikers blocking tracks.

Although the month-old seamen's strike is almost over, dockers began a strike yesterday which again paralysed some ports. Cross-Channel ferry services were halted at least until today.

One-day strikes called by the CGT in other public sector areas, including posts and telecommunications, the Government arsenals and Renault cars were only sparsely followed.

Nevertheless, the CGT managed to assemble 10,000 supporters, according to the police — 40,000 according to the union — for a demonstration in Paris in protest against the Government's economic policies, with a similar number marching through the streets of Marseille.

But the strikes began causing problems in industry at large. The employers' organization CNPF said activity in the chemical, steel and metallurgy industries had dropped 30 per cent due to a lack of raw materials.

SGI reports have seen falls of up to 40 per cent in the number of holidaymakers due to the train strike. Grain producers, too, have had difficulty in exporting cereals.

M. Eduard Balladur, the Finance Minister, again ruled out any question of a devaluation of the franc as it fell to its lowest permitted level within the European Monetary System in response to anxiety over the spreading unrest in France.

After an emergency meeting of the entire Cabinet, M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, again insisted that the Government "would not deviate from its policies, because to do so would be irresponsible".

Priority, he said, must be given to the least well-off, the unemployed and the young who were seeking jobs. "It is in that direction that the national solidarity should tend, rather than in satisfying the demands, however legitimate, of those who are better off."

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## The war in Afghanistan

## Shevardnadze says political accord is closer than ever

By Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister and a close political ally of Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, said during a speech delivered in the Afghan capital of Kabul that a political settlement to the seven-year-old war in Afghanistan was now "feasible and as close as ever before".

Mr Shevardnadze, the most senior member of the Kremlin hierarchy to visit Afghanistan since the Soviet troops were sent in late 1979, added: "The new year can and should mark the start of new relations between Afghanistan and all its neighbours and of its growing stronger a sovereign, independent country pursuing a policy of neutrality and non-alignment".

His optimistic assessment was given soon after his arrival there on Monday at a reception hosted by Dr Najib, the Afghan communist leader. The full text was only released yesterday by Tass.

The Soviet Minister, accompanied by a high-ranking delegation headed by Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Kremlin's chief foreign policy adviser, backed the recent ceasefire proposal made by Dr Najib and called for success for the ambitious national reconciliation plan unveiled last week.

"This is because this success will mean peace in a country which is our neighbour, and hence peace for us, too", Mr Shevardnadze said in an address clearly aimed at an international audience.

The upbeat speech was seen as designed to demonstrate full Kremlin support for Dr Najib's recent efforts to try and persuade the Muslim rebels to lay down their arms. Many Western observers are convinced that the plan was conceived during the Afghan

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From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

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## Determined fight for a family's future

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

A French train driver said yesterday he was on strike for the future of his wife and children: if this affair has become political, it's not our fault.

M. Marc Loillier said: "Our demands have nothing to do with wanting to overthrow the Government or break its pay policies. That's all rubbish."

Armed riot police moved along the almost-deserted platform outside the railwaymen's strike headquarters at the Gare du Nord in Paris as M. Loillier, aged 30, a thickset man with a heavy moustache, explained why he and his colleagues had been among the first to go on strike three weeks ago, and why they were determined to fight on despite the hardships.

Until last month, M. Loillier was a member of the Communist-led CGT union to which he paid £75 a year in dues, representing 1 per cent of his basic pay.

He resigned because he felt the union was no longer representing the interests of its rank and file. But it would have made no difference to his present situation had he remained a member.

In common with nearly all French unions, the CGT does not provide strike pay for its members — why most industrial disputes in France are so short-lived and why the present rail strike is so unusual. Most strikes last 24 hours at most.

As a train driver with 10 years' service with the SNCF, the state-owned French railways, M. Loillier was earning 9,000 francs (£960) a month in pay and bonuses for an average 39-hour week.

For the past three weeks he has received nothing. How does he manage when he has a three-bedroom house in the suburbs with a 6,000-franc-a-month mortgage, and a wife with two children, one aged two years and the other three days?

"My wife earns 7,500 francs a month as a primary school teacher, and the bank has been generous in advancing us money on the mortgage."

"My mother-in-law normally looks after the children when my wife's at work. I'm not saying we haven't got to eat or anything like that, but it's not easy. I'm lucky having a wife who totally supports what I'm doing. She knows it'll be her turn next if we give in."

"You don't understand. What they mean by 'merit' is how amenable a worker is, whether he is willing to come out on a rest day at a moment's notice and things like that; not how efficient he is," he replied.

But had not the Government withdrawn those new scales?

"We've got nothing in writing," he said. "We have no guarantee that the scales will not be reintroduced under a different form. We want it down in black and white."

"If they succeed in imposing merit-based scales in the railways, you can be sure they'll try to introduce them throughout the whole of the public sector."

The second most important of the strikers' demands, according to M. Loillier, was for the integration of railway workers' bonuses into their basic pay.

"More than a third of what I earn is in so-called bonuses for unsocial hours, the number of miles I drive, and so on. But my pension and sickness benefit is based only on my basic pay. We don't think that's right."

"If we got satisfaction on that, the salary scales and better career prospects, we'd go back to work tomorrow."

"If there are no negotiations, it means that the Government doesn't want to negotiate. Our strike has nothing to do with increases in basic pay. Maybe some strikers are talking about that, but we drivers are not."

"The management says it hasn't more money. But our demands would cost in an entire year what the strike is costing the railways every day, that is to say 100 million francs."

Was the strike beginning to crumble as the management claims?

"Certainly not here," he replied to a chorus of agreement from other strikers standing around in the sparsely furnished room of the prefabricated cabin serving as the Gare du Nord strike headquarters.

"We're exactly the same number as when we began. We're more determined than ever. I've lost nearly 10,000 francs since the strike began. I'm not going to throw all that away for nothing."

"I've been coming in here with the other lads from 3 am until 7 pm every day to keep up morale. We're not going to give in now."

But how much longer could they all last with no pay coming in?

He looked glum. "Well, there's another meeting planned with the management for Thursday. Maybe we'll have to take another vote after that."

"It's true we can't go on for ever like this. But if we do have to go back to work without gaining anything, the whole climate on the railways is going to be very bad."

## Fear and loathing as new rash of racism breaks out in US

From Michael Binyon, Washington

With the approach of the Martin Luther King holiday, a furor has erupted over the decision by the newly-elected Republican Governor of Arizona to abolish the state's observance of the day that honours America's revered black leader.

Governor Evan Mecham said Dr King, who was assassinated in 1968, was not as important as the only two other Americans honoured by a holiday, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. He was therefore rescinding the decision by the previous Democratic Governor to observe Dr King's birthday as a state holiday.

Black leaders have raised an outcry, saying the Governor's action is an insult to the black community. The King holiday has increasingly been seen not simply as a tribute to the man himself, but as official US recognition of its black citizens and heritage.

The row comes as race relations generally have suddenly taken a bitter turn for the worse throughout America. A series of incidents ranging from the racial attacks in New York to a Louisiana sheriff's order to police to stop and search any blacks found in white neighbourhoods has inflamed relations between blacks and whites, and led to a rash of accusations of continuing discrimination and prejudice.

The racial attack by a gang of black youths on three blacks at Howard Beach, a district of Queens borough in New York, has rocked Mayor Koch's administration, and led to an ugly exchange of accusations between blacks and police. It threatens to jeopardize many years of sensitive bridge-building between blacks and whites in America's largest city, and has already provoked backlash attacks by blacks on whites.

Other less-publicized incidents have contributed to black resentment and accusations of racism against the Reagan Administration. Demonstrations flared against



Martin Luther King: State scraps holiday observance.

The Washington Post when the paper published a magazine article about jewellery store owners who refused to let blacks enter their stores because of the likelihood of being robbed.

In a Washington suburb a volunteer fire chief told a public meeting: "I never knew a nigger who wouldn't steal from me." A black cadet resigned in disgust from the

Citadel, a prestigious military academy in South Carolina, after being harassed by white students dressed in Ku-Klux-Klan garb.

White students at the University of Massachusetts set upon a group of blacks after a baseball game defeat. In Boston, an investigation of the emergency medical services found frequent use of the word "nigger", racial epithets and racist posters. And the activities of white supremacists have increased markedly in North Carolina alone where there were 60 marches by members of the Ku-Klux-Klan last year.

Racial tensions over housing and integration have led to an increasing number of flare-ups, according to the Justice Department. In Philadelphia, whites have used violence to keep blacks from moving into their neighbourhoods.

Blacks in Washington have in turn expressed resentment at recently arrived immigrants from the Far East, and when an Asian pulled a gun on a black woman there were

demonstrations here against all Asian merchants.

Underlying the tensions are two bitter facts that have bedevilled efforts to improve community relations: the very high numbers of blacks who are unemployed, and the soaring crime rate among blacks. There are three blacks for every two whites in American prisons, though blacks account for only a tenth of the US population.

Whites continue to be fearful of young black males, and suspicious of blacks loitering in white neighbourhoods. The drug epidemic has also centred disproportionately on the black community.

The high rate of black illegitimacy, with almost 50 per cent of all black children in the big cities born out of wedlock to mothers dependent on welfare, has led to widely-expressed concern, by black and white officials, about the disintegration of the black family and the subsequent rise in poverty and crime.

Conservative columnists have bemoaned the lack of moral leadership in the black community, and have accused blacks of ignoring these facts while continuing to blame their ills on past discrimination. Mr William Buckley, a widely-read conservative, said white resentment "has to do with the scarcity of publicized black reprimands of such behaviour".

He said that while most black moralists deplored black crime and illegitimacy, those visible on the media were the kind given to calling President Reagan a racist.

In reply, Mr Courtland Milloy, an influential black writer, said in The Washington Post on Sunday that this was not surprising given the Administration's record on civil rights and the opposition to the Martin Luther King holiday by Mr Pat Buchanan, the White House director of communications.

He said it was likely that President Reagan had set the tone, indeed the atmosphere, for much of the racial conflict.



## Chinese students issue threat of protests despite onset of exams

Even though mid-term examinations began for university students throughout China this week, the possibility of demonstrations similar to those that have disturbed 12 cities in the past month remain strong, students in Peking said yesterday.

Tomorrow will mark the eleventh anniversary of the death of Chou En-lai, the former Prime Minister, and of the mass movement against the Gang of Four that culminated in the so-called Tiananmen Incident of April 5, 1976, when hundreds of protesting students were beaten by the police in Peking's main square.

Even if nothing happens tomorrow, other students said, protests might occur next month during the annual spring festival holiday.

"There are in fact several anniversaries on which students are prepared to protest", a recent graduate of Peking University said.

In addition to January 8 and April 5, he listed September 18, the day on which Japanese troops invaded China in 1931, and December 9, the day on which Peking University students demonstrated against the Japanese occupation of their country in 1935.

The Tiananmen Incident is often cited by modern historians as the beginning of the rise of Mr Deng Xiaoping, now China's senior leader, and a nationwide repudiation of the reign of terror institutionalized by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in the Cultural Revolution from 1967 to 1976.

Mr Deng's rapid assumption of power was coupled with the development of the so-called Democracy Wall movement that reached full power in 1978. In large "big

From Robert Grievs, Peking

character posters" that were fixed to a wall in the Xidan section of Peking just about anyone could give vent to his political opinion.

It was also Mr Deng who oversaw the end of the movement with the arrest of its young leaders a few years later when officials became concerned that the wall posters had become too anti-government in tone.

Political posters and calls for greater democracy and freedom, including freedom of the press, have characterized the present wave of demonstrations that began in the

More than 5,000 university students waving red banners marched in Dhaka yesterday in protest against a proposed ban on political activities by students (Ahmed Fazi writes from Dhaka).

The students laid siege to the Government's main education office where hundreds of riot police were deployed.

southern city of Changsha early last month.

But, one student said yesterday, the call for democracy remains largely undefined.

"Does it mean the right to choose a job or to elect officials?" he asked. "I don't think people are thinking about those distinctions."

In Shanghai last month demonstrating students said that they had drawn inspiration for their protests from American-style democracy.

A Voice of America reporter was mobbed by about 5,000 students who said that the station, which has an estimated Chinese audience of 50 million, was their only source of real news about China. In addition, a large banner bearing a picture of the Statue of Liberty was appar-

ently carried near the Bund (one of the main streets).

Chinese Communist Party conservatives in the New China News Agency have blamed Voice of America for helping to instigate the demonstrations, but the central Government has generally tried to be flexible in its handling of the situation.

"The Government has contained the demonstrations without suppressing them", one Western diplomat said on Tuesday. "That is essential if Mr Deng's reforms are to continue on course."

But Mr Deng and his supporters may yet be forced to become stricter. On Monday, about 400 students at Peking University burnt copies of the Peking Daily, the party newspaper, to protest at what they said were lies it had carried about the demonstrations.

Yesterday's edition of the newspaper said that the burning confirmed the fact that the newspaper "hits the sore spot of some elements who are hostile towards socialism".

The Government-controlled People's Daily had a strongly-worded commentary on its front page yesterday condemning the student demonstrations and calling for a "clearcut stand against bourgeois liberalization".

● Revolution cost: Official Chinese sources have published an estimate of about £200 billion for the damage done to the country's economy during the Cultural Revolution (David Bonavia writes from Peking).

During what is now officially called the "decade of chaos", industrial production fell because of strikes and factional fighting, agriculture did badly and China's foreign trade was disrupted.



You can lead a duck to water... Farmers in Huzhou city, in China's Zhejiang province, taking their flocks of geese and ducks to a nearby watering hole. The procession remains a daily ritual in modern China for the farmers and their livestock.

## Vanunu on hunger strike in prison

Tel Aviv (Reuters) — An Israeli technician accused of passing atomic secrets to the British press has begun a prison hunger strike to protest against what he said were efforts to break him, the newspaper Haaretz reported yesterday.

It said that Mr Mordechai Vanunu, aged 31, told his family: "They give me the food like a dog, isolate me 23 hours a day in a closed room, and try

to break me. I'm going on a hunger strike."

He gave his story and pictures to The Sunday Times for ideological reasons, his brother Asher said. The story was based on Mr Vanunu's 10 years at a top secret Israeli nuclear reactor. He is accused of spying and treason.

Mr Vanunu, his brother told Haaretz, "is no spy but a naive man trying to set the nation straight. In his opinion, our

leaders, are not trustworthy enough and so he tried something to awaken the Israeli people from their slumber."

His conscience could no longer bear "all that took place at the atom factory".

Israelis have asked how their security services could have allowed Mr Vanunu to work in the nuclear industry despite evidence of his being an activist on behalf of Palestinians.

## Japan steps in to counter Soviet links in Oceania

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan is moving to expand its economic aid and influence in the South Pacific to fill the vacuum left by declining Western influence and as a counterweight to increased Soviet activity.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Tadashi Kuranari, is starting a visit to Oceania which will take in Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Fiji, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

In Fiji he will make what the Japanese Foreign Ministry terms a "major speech" outlining Japan's new interest in and commitment to an area part of which was a Japanese-administered territory after the First World War and part of which was overrun by Japanese troops in the Second World War.

The new Japanese role in the South Pacific has been urged on Tokyo by Europe and the United States for some time but it has become more pressing since the Soviet Union reached a \$1.7 million (£1.1 million) fishing agreement with Kiribati in 1985 and started negotiations for similar arrangements with Vanuatu, which already has connections with Libya, Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Though the agreements suggested have been concerned with access for Soviet fishing vessels to local waters, the talks with Vanuatu are also thought to have covered the possibility of port access. No agreement has yet been signed with Vanuatu.

The area is a sensitive one for American weapons tests and the Russians are believed to monitor them with fishing boats equipped with intelligence-gathering equipment.

However, the US has been showing less and less interest in the area, apparently content to leave Western South Pacific interests in the hands of the

New Zealanders and Australians. But the Australian interest itself has been declining in terms of willingness to provide aid, much to the surprise of the Japanese, who have found the willingness to concede in effect business in the area to Japanese firms hard to understand.

Some sections of the Japanese Foreign Ministry have been worried about Canberra's lack of concern about the security of the area.

But Tokyo's initial diplomatic commitment has been firm and has voted against the French at the United Nations on the issue of independence for New Caledonia. However, Mr Kuranari's speech is likely to be more theoretical than monetary in interest.

"The speech will be full of fine sentiments but when you come to put up the money to be spent there is likely to be a divergence between what they'd like to do and what they are prepared to do," a Western diplomat said.

● SYDNEY: Australia announced yesterday it would not retaliate against a French Government decision to suspend indefinitely ministerial visits with Canberra, the latest step in a dispute which has brought relations between the two countries to their lowest ebb (Stephen Taylor writes).

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, said in Brisbane that the French action was unjustified and regrettable, but that to respond would be "immature and inappropriate".

France has been incensed by the part played by Australia in a United Nations debate on New Caledonia in which South Pacific nations were successful in having the French classified as a colony, rather than as the French maintain, an extension of metropolitan France.

## 'Indira loyalists' launch new party

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A group of dissident former members of India's Congress (I) party calling themselves "Indira loyalists" have launched a new political party with a series of attacks on the country's leadership.

The group, led by Mr Pranab Mukherjee, the former Finance Minister and virtually Deputy Prime Minister until Mrs Indira Gandhi's death, accused Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, of deviating from his mother's policies, thereby jeopardizing India's socialist interests.

Mr Mukherjee was elected president of the new party, called the National Socialist Congress (Rashtriya Samajwadi Congress). It includes other disappointed figures such as Mr Gundu Rao, former Chief Minister of Karnataka, and Mr Mayapathi Tripathi, expelled from Congress despite being the son of the veteran Congress leader, Kamalapati Tripathi.

It is not clear even now why Mr Mukherjee fell out with Mr Gandhi, but the rift was terminal. Mr Mukherjee was the first minister to be dropped from the Cabinet two years ago. He was driven out of the party last year.

Others have been held at arms' length by Mr Gandhi because of a taint of corruption which did not bother Mrs Gandhi. She prized personal loyalty above almost all else.

Yesterday's celebrations began with a visit to Shakti Sthal, Mrs Gandhi's cremation site. A party declaration read out later complained that loyalists who stood by Mrs Gandhi had been squeezed out of the Government while those who betrayed her had been given jobs.

Mr Rao, who read the declaration, said that within two years of Mrs Gandhi's death much of the country was in the grip of secessionists and violence. Mr Gandhi was surrounded by Indira baiters

and feudal elements, he said.

Mr Mukherjee, in his inaugural address, said the convention was necessary because of the dilution of Congress ideology and the liquidation of the party. He said the Government was deviating from Mrs Gandhi's principles, by encouraging multinationals and privatizing key sectors of the economy.

He said that records concluded by the Government in Punjab, Assam and Mizoram endangered the unity and integrity of India.

Mr Mukherjee particularly



Mr Mukherjee: attacks on Congress leadership.

objected to the way Mr Shivar Pawan, leader of the Congress (S) had been welcomed back into the fold, after having deserted the party at a critical hour.

Mrs Gandhi's daughter-in-law, Mrs Menaka Gandhi, out of the political limelight for the past two years, was present at the convention and gave a welcome speech. She is the widow of Mrs Gandhi's younger son Sanjay, and president of her own party, the National Sanjay Platform (Rashtriya Sanjay Manch).

Two senior figures from Mr Pawan's Congress (S) party who opposed the recent merger with Congress (I) were also present. They were Mr S. C. Sinha, and Mr K. P. Umrikhian.

## Indonesia slashes spending

From A Correspondent Jakarta

President Suharto of Indonesia yesterday unveiled a severe austerity budget which slashed government spending and froze wages of civil servants and the military for a second year in an effort to contain rising foreign debt payments and falling oil prices.

Foreign economists described the budget as "cautious" and the President called on nationwide television for courage in facing the year ahead. He assured lenders that Indonesia would honour its debts.

Debt service payments will account for almost one-third of the year's 22.7 trillion rupiahs (£9 billion) in budgeted government expenditure, down by more than 25 per cent from last year in US dollar terms, though up slightly in rupiah terms from 1986.

President Suharto, aged 65, who is conducting general elections in April, said the Government had used a price of \$15 per barrel of oil as a basis for the budget calculations, which the Minister for Energy, Dr Subroto, said took into account fluctuations in the international market.

Last year government planners were caught short, and the current account deficit rose to an estimated 4.09 billion rupiahs when oil prices, estimated at \$25 a barrel, sank below \$10.

The Minister for National Development, Planning, Dr Johannes Sumartono, told reporters after the budget announcement that the Government should not "just read figures", but viewed 1987 as the first time in 13 years when Indonesia's dependency on oil would fall below 50 per cent of export earnings.

Before 1986, the country was dependent on oil and gas for about 70 per cent

## González pledges terror law reform

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Fresh efforts were going on behind the scenes yesterday but the new Basque parliament risks assembling tomorrow without agreement even on choosing a Speaker.

The local Socialist Party, which is showing understanding over the anti-terrorism law, is demanding in turn a firm attitude from the national Government against any political negotiations with the Basque separatist movement Eta but obtaining less than the desired response.

A case against changes of the anti-terrorism law is awaiting judgement by Spain's constitutional court and Señor Gregorio Peces Barba, who was Speaker of the Madrid Parliament when the law was passed and is a leading socialist constitutional lawyer, has now joined the opposition to the law.

"The sooner it is repealed, or at least left in abeyance, the

better," he declared, giving an opinion that it contravenes the European Human Rights Convention.

The most controversial clause allows the Spanish police 10 days in which to hold a terrorist suspect for interrogation, incommunicado and before presenting him to a magistrate. Señor Rafael Vera, head of Spain's state security forces, now maintains that the 10-day period is not being fully used. He said six days were sufficient. The law will not be repealed, he added.

Señor Juan Barandres, one of the Basque politicians involved in the government talks, argued the anti-terrorism law has abundantly proved itself counter-productive in the peculiar Basque context. It creates more suspicion of the Spanish national police among the Basques, he said, when the security forces above all need local co-operation.

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# One man, one vote, one ANC

Led from his prison cell by Nelson Mandela, the exiled African National Congress is 75 years old this week and more influential than ever. George Brock assesses its strength

Last weekend, three South African professors shelved their plans to visit the headquarters in Zambia of the African National Congress, which is preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary this week. In the perspective of three-quarters of a century — the ANC is the oldest nationalist movement in southern Africa — it was a minor hitch. But the three travellers who drew back at the last moment were not English-speakers but Afrikaners, who were going to discuss with ANC officials a possible Bill of Rights for a post-apartheid South Africa. Their wavering over the journey to Lusaka neatly illustrates the ambivalent views which many South Africans hold about the organization which has had no legal presence inside the country for 27 years.

The shifting sands of the organization among whites lie somewhere on a scale between President Botha's picture of it as the leading edge of the communist "total onslaught", and the idea that the ANC is a Christian social democratic association driven to violence only as a last resort. The truth lying between these extremes is complex, but the ANC's long and relatively stable history is one of its most important strengths, and has been crucial in making it the centre of political gravity for South Africa's 18 million blacks.

When other organizations have been weakened or destroyed by the debilitating rivalries which flourish in the inactivity of exile, the ANC has held together. While platforms and bargaining positions have shifted around it, the ANC has held stubbornly to its push for "one man, one vote".

The ANC's actual support is impossible to measure with any accuracy in present conditions; surveys generally award it more support than any other party, but not necessarily a majority. But it is beyond question that the last few years have seen an upturn in the ANC's fortunes, taking it to a peak of influence and activity it has not enjoyed since the 1950s.

Two years ago, a range of surprising voices suggested that President Botha's government should enter talks with the ANC, a view also shared by 43 per cent of whites surveyed in an opinion poll. Perhaps the ANC's greatest symbolic coup was the visit by a group of powerful white businessmen to Lusaka in September 1985. The tycoons, while uneasy about the ANC's vagueness on future nationalization, and fearful of violence, were nevertheless impressed.

It was only one of a string of moves by the ANC's professional president, Oliver Tambo, and businessmen in Europe and the



Two faces of Africa: Oliver Tambo (left), ANC president and ex-Marxist, with Joe Slovo, the ANC's military chief and a leading Communist

## THE CONGRESS: 75 YEARS OF DEFIANCE



Muffled leader: Nelson Mandela

United States. And the corporate ambassadors have been followed at a distance by the British and American governments, who have dropped their insistence that the ANC renounce violence before talks.

The attitude of the South African government itself towards the ANC has altered sharply. The authorities used to decide it as militarily ineffective and count it as simply one of a crowd of external, Soviet-backed threats to the country. Recently, however, a stream of publications has concentrated more frankly on the ANC, stressing its communist element and its advocacy of violence.

The ANC resurgence dates from the Soweto school disturbances of just over 10 years ago, which set in train two slow-acting but important changes. Thousands of youngsters crossed the borders as the police began mopping up after the riots. They were sent to training camps in Tanzania, Libya and Angola, and went on to form a new generation of guerrillas for the ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe ("Spear of the Nation"), which is thought to have put up to 10,000 people through training over the last decade.

It is three most senior commanders, leader Joe Modise, political commissaire Chris Hani and chief of staff Joe Slovo, have all been in Umkhonto for 20 years or more, veterans of an abortive expedition to help black nationalists against the Rhodesian government in the late 1960s, and of the early 1970s when the training camps were ragged, poverty-stricken and often divided by factionalism.

The South African government has tried to use its enormous diplomatic and economic leverage to persuade its neighbours to deny Umkhonto men access to the South African border, but in the first eight months of last year the number of Umkhonto attacks was triple the

annual average for the previous decade. Estimates of the number of men Umkhonto deploys in the country vary between 400-500 (the verdict of a leading academic ANC-watcher) and 20-50 (the police version). They may have succeeded in infiltrating the South African army, an army major is currently being held on suspicion of espionage, said to be connected with the ANC.

The second change to emerge from the storm that hit Soweto in 1976 was in the style of political campaigning. The ANC's strategists realized that the fury of the schoolchildren led nowhere if the currents of anger did not flow between generations and different townships.

In the early 1980s, grassroots political movements in the townships were anyway building organizations devoted to campaigning on local issues: squatter camp removals, rents, housing, and schools. In 1983, many of the same organizations became caught up in the campaign against the govern-

- 1912: Founded as South African Native National Congress
- 1923: Renamed African National Congress
- 1936: Black voters removed from electoral roll in the Cape
- 1948: National Party win while general election. Legal institutionalization of apartheid begins
- 1955: Freedom Charter drafted
- 1955: Pan Africanist Congress breaks away
- 1960: Sharpeville shootings. ANC and PAC banned
- 1961: Umkhonto we Sizwe formed
- 1963-4: ANC/Umkhonto leaders, including Mandela, tried and sentenced in "Rivonia" trial
- 1967: Oliver Tambo becomes acting president
- 1976: Soweto riots
- 1983: United Democratic Front formed
- 1986: Full-scale state of emergency declared June 16

Winnie Mandela will be quoted as advocating the use of the "necklace" (a petrol-filled tyre placed round the neck and then set alight) against "collaborators" in the townships. The next day, Tambo will explain that it is not ANC policy after all. But even he has recently been forced to acknowledge that his younger members are pressing for less squeamish choices of bombing targets.

The South African communists have never hidden their long association with the ANC. The Pretoria government claims that all but seven of the 30-person ANC executive is communist; academic estimates usually put it at less than half.

It is plainly absurd to picture the ANC as a purely Christian social democratic organization. But nor is it a certainty that communists would automatically seize power from their more moderate colleagues once the first phase of a nationalist victory was achieved. Tambo, who is very clearly not a Marxist, has hinted that the more friendly the interest taken by the West, the less pronounced the communist influence will be.

These questions of the future eventually boil down to a view of the mind of one 68-year-old man, Nelson Mandela, whose image dominates the entire ANC but whose thoughts are only occasionally filtered out of his prison cell, and then via intermediaries.

His views — apparently moderate ones — on all these questions are likely to prevail if he ever gets out of jail. It is clear that last year the South African cabinet toyed with the idea of releasing him, but finally went in the opposite direction and imposed the state of emergency. They are unlikely to have been considering his release on humanitarian grounds. They were no doubt calculating that were he to be in Pollsmoor Prison, the rage in the townships across the land might be uncontrollable.

# Making of a mandarin

From today 3,000 undergraduates begin an exam to enter the Civil Service, but a far tougher test lies ahead. Simon Tait reports

Students say to me: "My god, I'm not going to be selected with the appalling procedures you operate," said Dennis Trevelyan, the First Permanent Civil Service Commissioner. "In fact it's no different from the procedures operated by Marks & Spencers now, but there's no fear of Marks & Spencers. There's great fear of the Civil Service; I want to demystify it."

The appalling procedures are the process of selecting the Civil Service "fast lane" recruits. For about 3,000 undergraduates promising at least second-class honours degrees, it starts today and tomorrow when they sit the Qualifying Test (QT), cognitive exams a bit like Mensa's, with a second set sitting in October.

Only about 300 will get through to the central Civil Service selection board, known as Clab, which is the real test. After that comes a gruelling interview, and of the year's total of 5,000 fast-track applicants fewer than 100 will win through.

At the prizes are glittering: they will be catapulted through the system as administration trainees (ATs) to find their salaries, perhaps as young as 25, in the civil service, £17,000 a year, with the certainty of forming the "core of the mandarinate" within the next 20 years, and possibly becoming the Sir Robert Armstrong of the 21st century.

"Our ideal AT has been described as the Archangel Gabriel on a good day," said Teddy Morgan, who, with Trevelyan and Nick Gurney, forms the triumvirate of Civil Service commissioners. They are searching for more and more potential archangels, and from beyond the traditional breeding ground of Oxbridge arts scholars.

But many of our best young brains will not have had time to apply, frightened by the process and in particular by Clab's fearsome reputation. Private industry is attracting more talent than before and the reduction of the Civil Service's senior management, cut by 100,000 in five years, has also had its effect on recruitment.

Needing to broaden the base to draw in a potential new breed of mandarins, the commissioners have just finished a three-year programme of visiting not only every university but also every polytechnic in their demystification process. Their prize was the first polytechnic: Clab's success last year.

The complexities of Clab are more than an intellectual game for Oxbridge Fellows. Clab is the central part of the

selection mechanism, invented by the commissioners 40 years ago, it has been copied in industry here and abroad. It costs about £15,000 per successful lead. The 20 per cent who pass their QTs and go on to Clab will be assessed in groups of five and batches of 20 by a psychologist, a middle-ranking civil servant and a retired mandarin every minute of two days. They will be judged on their intellectual powers, penetration, judgement, maturity, emotional stability — 11 "boxes" in all.

In the hardest test, the groups become committees in which each member takes a turn as chairman, trying to manipulate agreement for his solution to a problem. And each is interviewed for 40 minutes separately by each assessor. A third day is taken by the assessors to make their judgements.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind enjoys a thing like that," said Stephen Kershaw, a Clab graduate now a year into his career. "It is rigorous, but stimulating." Of the 20, four may get to the final selection board on which a commissioner and representatives of the Civil Service, commerce, industry and academia will grill them for 35 minutes each in the only formal interview.



The shrinking of the Civil Service has put such pressure on middle management that fast-track recruits are now having to take on management roles they didn't believe. "Nowadays it's no good just to be able to think great thoughts," said Trevelyan. "You've got to be able to run things, you've got to be a good all-rounder." In 1962, 50 fast-trackers were sought, 24 were appointed — 17 from Oxford or Cambridge. In 1986 100 was the target for the first time of the 82 who made it 43 were non-Oxbridge. This year, another 100 is the aim.

"We're saying we don't give a fig whether you went to Oxford or Trent Poly, what matters is what you bring with you," said Gurney.

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## Forgotten frontier

The 16 men of the British Frontier Service play a crucial role in Germany's daily border drama



Guiding light: Tom Jones on duty at Helmstedt

From the little wooden observation platform on the banks of the Auer River in the divided village of Hohenleben, 130 miles south of Lübeck, Tom Jones is showing yet another group of visitors the harsh reality of the inner German border.

As he points out across the concrete walls and electrified fence to where the patrolling dogs are running on running lines, the cameras of the East German guards in the watchtower a few hundred yards away swing to catch him in their viewfinders.

It is a daily drama in which he has been a player for the past 16 years. As the head of the tiny, but vital, detachment of British Frontier Service personnel responsible for border duties, Jones, a 61-year-old former military police man, is just about the most photographed figure by the East Germans, who tend to snap anything and everybody that moves.

Familiarity, however, has not bred complacency. Someone in the party on the viewing platform spots two workmen on the roof of a house in the village across the border and is about to wave to establish a little human contact. Jones stays his hand.

"Don't forget," he cautions, "even if they don't wave back they could be in danger. The guards are not only watching us, they are also watching us. A wave from this side, no matter how innocent, could be interpreted as a signal, perhaps in connection with an escape, and it is not fair to endanger someone else simply for a few seconds' fun."

The main duty of Jones and his three colleagues is to act as guides, from their base at the main Helmstedt crossing point, to all British Army and RAF patrols by air and on the ground along the 375-mile section of the border — from Lübeck in the North to Göt-

tingen in the South — which is the responsibility of the British.

The East German fortifications are built inside the actual border, which meanders through forests, across hills and along rivers for its entire length. Any military incursions could lead to a diplomatic incident, and the military rely on the detailed knowledge possessed by Jones and his men, which would also be vital in times of war.

The British Frontier Service has been much reduced from its original post-war strength of 300 to just 16 men, mainly ex-military. Dubbed the "Forgotten Army", apart from its border duties it also performs some customs and immigration services in West Germany.

The strength of the human spirit in attempting to defy the daily deprivations of the border still impresses Jones. In one village, he says, an old

woman regularly cleans her west-facing windows whenever there are people moving along the far side of the border; in reality, he says, she is merely disguising her waves.

More than most, he knows the courage it takes to attempt an escape from the East. While the efforts to breach the wall in Berlin attract most headlines, small numbers of refugees still come across the inner German border — last month in the Helmstedt area alone there were four, including a 26-year-old woman.

Although they have removed the anti-personnel mines and automatic firing devices on the border, the East Germans have now perfected a more elaborate detection system with sensors which can tell the difference between human and animal contact before triggering the alarms.

According to Jones the East German border guards are now under orders to fire only to maim civilian escapees, for which they are rewarded, but to shoot to kill if any of their colleagues attempt to flee to the West.

The British Frontier Service has little contact with the escapees, who are handled by the West German authorities, partly to prevent local personnel innocently disclosing information which could be picked up by monitoring from the East German guards.

Jones's easy-going manner and Liverpool brand of humour can make it all seem like a game. "It is not a game at all. We only wish it was, and then maybe life would be a lot easier," he says. "Thousands of people each year come to see the border but I tell them it's not a tourist attraction, it's the line separating two worlds — the physical explanation of why all our forces, and those of the allies, are here."

Peter Davenport

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## WEDNESDAY PAGE

## A sister for the dying

Britain's first hospital ward devoted to Aids patients is due to open on Monday next week. Sally Brompton meets the woman chosen — from an unusually large number of applicants — to run it

Jacqui Elliott considers working with Aids sufferers no more distressing than nursing renal patients who are forced to endure a life-or-death wait in the hope that one day they might receive a new kidney. "For them, the most depressing thing is the uncertainty," she says.

While the lay world quivers over the lengthening spectre of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Elliott regards its victims simply as patients, to be cared for and consoled to the best of her — and her colleagues' — ability.

It is something to which she will be devoting herself completely over the next few months in her new role as ward for the treatment of patients suffering from the Aids virus. When the £350,000 Broderip Ward opens for business at London's Middlesex Hospital next week with six patients, 26-year-old Elliott will be out in front, heading her team of 14 hand-picked staff nurses aged from 22 to 35.

For many people, the idea of this useful team nursing patients for whom there is no hope and no cure conjures up images of dedication beyond the call of duty. Jacqui Elliott scoffs at such a suggestion. "I'm so fed up with the popular image of nurses as Goody Two Shoes. Even that line about 'wanting to help people' has become clichéd by the Miss World contestants."

"We're skilled people who have studied and practised and who like to think we're intelligent and simply doing a job of work."

Certainly, nursing was not a childhood ambition for this former dancing teacher, the only child of a City director. It seemed, she says, "a slightly more stable career" than teaching ballet and tap. Having trained and worked at the Middlesex, she nursed children at Great Ormond Street and worked in the renal unit of Guy's. She applied for her present job because "I thought I could do it and it sounded challenging. Aids patients are very special people; there's no doubt about that. They have amazing courage. Besides, I do think someone has got to put a more positive face on it."

Surprisingly, perhaps, there were a large number of applicants for her job and more than double the number needed for the other nursing posts.



A job of work: Jacqui Elliott in her new ward — "Aids patients are very special people. They have amazing courage"

Elliott selected the applicants whom she considered to possess what she describes as insight. "You obviously have to look for people who want to do for the right reasons. It's no good them having the attitude of Aids is the in-thing, I've never looked after an Aids patient before, so let's do it now. I wanted people who are caring without being hysterical."

She herself was picked, according to Professor Stephen Semple at the Middlesex, because "she seemed to have the most sensible approach to the problem. She came across as a very down-to-earth young lady who would be able to cope with the emotional and physical strain, as well as being a first-class nurse."

She had worked with Aids patients at the Middlesex in the past, during the initial appearance of the disease in Britain, and considers it to be no more dangerous to nursing staff than hepatitis-B or tuberculosis. She and her nurses will wear protective clothing — gloves and aprons — only when dealing with blood or other body fluids. "Nothing special. But the emergence of Aids has made us all aware of a tightening up of what we do every day, such as patient confidentiality."

Of the built-in dependency element of nursing no-hoppers, she says: "There's no cure for Aids today, but there may be tomorrow. I have implicit faith in my medical colleagues to come up with something in the near future. You just have to treat the symptoms as they come along, keep a positive attitude and provide the best

possible nursing care for the patients. And it isn't limited to giving out bedpans — you have to treat them as a whole, mentally and physically, as well as all the people around them — family, colleagues and friends."

"You need to be sensitive but you need to be positive, too. You have to appreciate the limits of your own job and be aware of the point at which someone else might do it better. There again, the patient might find it easier to talk to one of the domestics rather than to one of our psychologists."

Even so, she will be keeping a close eye on her nursing staff to ensure that the inevitable stresses of the job do not wear them down. "Socially I'll be trying to keep up morale and I'll also make sure that they are aware that there are professionals around for them to talk to."

In fact, she has found that the greatest stresses of Aids come not from working with the patients but from the people she meets who have nothing to do with the medical profession and are prejudiced by ignorance and fear. "It's very difficult to wipe out those attitudes and I sometimes feel I'm beating my head against a brick wall. It makes me feel tremendously sympathetic towards the patients because they're actually having to live with it."

For the patients themselves, dwelling in a twilight world, relationships with nursing staff can be the most

important factor in their abbreviated lives. At the Middlesex, where the majority are homosexual men, Elliott has found that their attitude is frequently one of amazement that there are people prepared to help them in the face of what they see to be widespread prejudice against them.

He idea that it is a gay plague still lives on in many people's memories, she says. "I've no prejudice and I don't see Aids victims as people infected with the virus."

She is aware of the danger to her own life, not of catching Aids — a risk she dismisses as minimal — but of allowing it to dominate her entirely. "You could get to the point where you eat, sleep and breathe Aids. It's very important to be carrying on a normal life outside. If you devoted all your time to it you would just go mad."

Her family and friends have been entirely supportive. "My mum was very chuffed about the whole thing. My dad was a little bit anxious but I think I've managed to educate him."

Her main concern now is to make a success of a project that is a trail blazer in British medical care. "I've never set up a unit before and because there's never been one like this there are no guidelines. But I think we probably will get it right because I've done a fair bit of homework."

"I'm no angel of mercy, nor am I walking around with a death wish. I want to be here. And I want to be doing this job."

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## 'Could a child mistake a parent for a sexual abuser?'

A few days before Christmas, I read of the death of Mrs Judy Johnson, 47, of Manhattan Beach, California. The cause of death is still uncertain: suicide has been suggested.

For the last three years, she had been at the centre of a child abuse case in which the owners and staff of a posh Los Angeles Nursery School were accused of 200 counts of child molestation, including satanic rituals and drug orgies.

Mrs Johnson's story raises key questions about our attitudes and procedures in relation to child abuse. This is a delicate area, I fear. The child abuse movement has become a little like the peace movement, where anyone who questions procedures is held to be pro-war. Anyone who argues with proposed remedies may find themselves regarded as a person who doesn't care about the problem.

It was the charge by Mrs Johnson that her son, aged two and a half, had been molested that began the California investigation. Johnson called dozens of parents in her community, repeating her accusations against the school, and asking them to question their children. Local police sent out a letter to parents encouraging them to ask their children if any one of them had been the subject of unnatural acts at school. The response was overwhelming. Seven people were arrested, including the 60-year-old grandmother who owned the school.

But not everyone was convinced. The case's chief prosecutor resigned, claiming that virtually no evidence existed for the charges and stating his belief that all defendants in the case were innocent. The children, he claimed, had been interrogated for hours on end and given leading questions. They were praised for accounts of abuse, but "chastised" for denying it.

In Hamilton, Ontario, a wardship hearing over two girls is now in its eighteenth month. The girls have told the court of sexual abuse, cannibalism and satanic murders they claim were carried out by their mother and her boyfriend.

The girls made the charges after their mother had voluntarily put them in care because of her personal problems. There is not a shred of evidence to support the extraordinary tales of the two children, and the climate has not been so attuned to the menace of child abuse the

fantastic stories would have been dismissed after police initially investigated them and decided not to recommend charges. But a bevy of social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists and therapists worked with the children, eliciting volumes of video tapes with them, and the case took on a momentum of its own.

The children themselves have never been examined directly in court during 138 days of testimony. Recently the court was cautioned by Dr Clive Chamberlain, a leading Canadian child psychiatrist. "You can put

capacity for fantasy that any healthy active child has.

This is equally true of well-intentioned efforts in schools to raise very young children's awareness of sexual abuse through videos and chats. Recently, one mother who was innocently preparing her child for a bath after a day at her North London nursery school, found her daughter pulling away from her as she took off her knickers. "You mustn't touch me there," said the girl, shrinking from her parent. What, thought the mother, if the child complained to her school that her parents "touched her there"?

This problem is made worse by the use of so-called educational videos on sexual abuse and the understandable reluctance to make them too explicit. Given the necessary vagueness our educators use in talking about sexual situations to young children, is it so improbable that a child might mistake a neighbour who innocently undresses without fully closing the curtains for a sexual "flasher", or a parent taking off her knickers for a sexual abuser?

Far more serious are the proposed changes in the Criminal Justice Bill that keep children out of the courtroom and permit them to give their evidence in sexual assault cases by video link only. Our system of justice has always presumed that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. By indicating to the jury that a child cannot face the accused in open court you are reversing the onus of guilt and creating the psychological presumption that the accused has done something so dreadful the child must be protected from him.

None of these problems seems to me insoluble, but because so little attention is paid to them I can't help feeling that, in its zeal, the child abuse bandwagon either does not think its proposals through or simply does not care about such niceties as the presumption of innocence. Of course, every age has its fashionable hysteria, and our period seems to have fastened on to smoking and child abuse. Both of these problems are absolutely legitimate areas of our concern but it's worth remembering that an hysterical reaction is an hysterical reaction even when there is a tiger in the bedroom.

Barbara Amiel

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## Out shopping for an inside job

Julie is a test-shopper, one of a growing army of undercover security workers who spend their days buying bars of soap and keeping a sharp eye out for staff with their hand in the till. "It's a bit cloak and dagger," says Julie, who goes on these expeditions disguised simply as herself — an unassuming housewife in a slightly shabby anorak.

Shoplifting always hits the headlines at busy times like Christmas and New Year. But inside fiddles — which test-shopping is designed to prevent — are a year-round and growing problem.

Price rise by an estimated 5p in the pound every year to cover unexplained losses and increased security costs — and a recent Home Office report suggested that the highest proportion of losses was due to dishonest staff rather than customers.

Julie is married to a lorry driver and lives in a council house in a quiet suburb. She joined Group 4 Security as a test-shopper for

something to do when her children grew up, and is now supervisor of a team of 20.

Like all security jobs, test-shopping is nine parts boredom, but the tenth part, which involves monitoring split-second transactions, is a highly skilled business. Each new recruit is given a minimum of 60 hours' training at Group 4's Cotswolds headquarters.

They learn how to spot the innocent-looking employee who is a little too keen to hand over a packet of sweet papers which may be a tally for money to be taken out of a till. They also learn how to perform in court. "I never lose sight of the fact that you're dealing with people's reputations," says Julie. "I'd never accuse anybody of anything without being one hundred per cent sure."

I spent a day on the road with Julie, test-shopping in a hardware chain at the height of the Christmas rush. At the first shop, we bought a door security chain. A dead giveaway, I would have thought, but no one seemed suspicious. On the way to the car, Julie filled in a form on the transaction — which had been faultless — complete with a detailed description of the assistant. I hadn't even noticed the colour of her hair, let alone her eyes. Waiting in the inevitable car park queue — an occupational hazard — Julie recalled the day she and a male colleague used a spot of amateur acting to nail a shop assistant who had been cheating on the side.

They claimed they couldn't afford the bedroom furniture they had been looking at — and he offered to sell it to them for half-price, if they

would slip him the money in the car park.

Fuelled by coffee and a bun from a nearby snack bar, we mooched around the gardening section of the next shop for a while before settling on a Bypass Pruner at £6.75. The assistant rang up £3.75, hesitated, then rang up the extra £3. It could simply have been a mistake, or he could have been planning to pocket the difference. There was no evidence either way.

After the third shop — and another two hours on the road — we called it a day. Like all security measures, test-shopping has a limited life. But, as Lady Phillips, director of the Association for the Prevention of Theft in Shops, says: "Anything that will help cut down losses has to be applauded, for it is the honest customer who has to pay the price. Crime prevention is everybody's business."

Sally Dugan

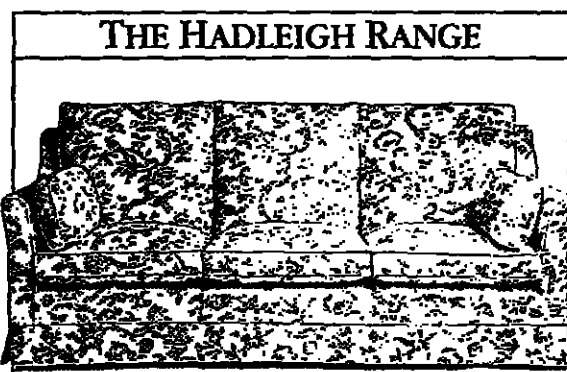
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## And in the fashionable corner ...

Goodbye aerobics, hello boxing! The latest fitness fad for women has eager New Yorkers flocking to the famous Gleason's gym for lessons, which combine fast footwork with self-defence skills — likely to come in quite handy on the streets of Manhattan. Ten two-hour lessons cost \$150 (about £100) — and then watch out, Mike Tyson ...

## PMTalk

Many women have found that GPs can be distressingly blasé about pre-menstrual syndrome, blithely scribbling out yet another prescription when alternative advice (on food, exercise, and so on) could be equally appropriate. The Pre-menstrual Tension Advisory Service has just published an authoritative pamphlet — price £1 (including p&p) — which they'd like PMS sufferers to pass on to doctors, nurses and community health workers, alerting them to recent findings on ways of treating the syndrome without drugs or hormones. It's available from PO Box 268, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1RW. They also run a helpline service for sufferers on (0273) 771366.

BRIEFLY  
A round-up of news, views and information



## Quote me ...

"As a female politician I cannot embrace people or ruffle their hair like my father and brother used to do. Such actions often say more than words, but this camaraderie can only exist man to man." — Benazir Bhutto.

## Old news

New for 1987 is Celebrating Age, a year-long campaign designed to make us re-think our image of retirement and

old age — of particular interest to women as they comprise nearly two-thirds of pensioners. Age Concern is co-ordinating the year's events, which include an essay competition on the joys of being older for budding writers over 60. A thousand words, please, to Canon Michael Butler, 30 Bigwood Avenue, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1FG. Winning entries will be published in a booklet, proving once again that it's never too late to start a new career.

## Small mercy

Children as young as four years old can be taught how to deal with emergencies and minor accidents thanks to Susan Foster and Ward Gardner's new book *First Aid*, a down-to-earth guide which uses comic-strips to help small children understand what to do when someone is unconscious, has a fall, suffers a burn or is involved in other everyday mishaps. Published by Piccolo, price £1.95 from bookshops everywhere, it might even prove a lifesaver.

Josephine Fairley



## THE TIMES DIARY

### Designer trouble

Sir Terence Conran's trusteeship of the Victoria and Albert Museum has landed him in controversy. The museum has just awarded a design consultancy to Sir Terence's own company, Conran Design, to help set up V & A Enterprises. The money-spinning scheme to market the museum's collection of designs and artefacts aims, in the words of the director, Sir Roy Strong, to make the museum "the Laura Ashley of the 1990s". Denis Sutton, editor of the art magazine *Apollo*, now tells me he thinks Conran should resign from the board of trustees because of the conflict of interests. Sir Terence, however, sees no problem. "The board of trustees appointed Conran Design - I don't think I was even at the meeting," he explains. "Frankly the sums involved are so microscopic that Conran Design is doing V & A Enterprises a favour."

### In common

Not content with promoting their own tongue-twisting native language, the Welsh, under the auspices of their tourist board, have taken up the banner of this century's most hopeless linguistic cause. Potential visitors will soon be able to read about the valleys in brochures written entirely in Esperanto.

### Iron maiden

Another small step for a blue stocking: this Thursday, for the first time, a woman will play in the President's Putter, the mid-winter golfing ritual for Oxford and Cambridge golfing blues. Fiona Macdonald, a geography undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, will be among the 150 teeing off in the four-day match play tournament at Rye in Sussex. The chaps are making no concessions: Fiona, who earned her blue last year, will play off the men's tees. Not that that should worry her: her handicap is an impressive one under par.

● A final word on misplaced books. A reader tells of a friend who, wishing to check some point of aeronautics, asked in his library for books about Metropolitan Vickers. He was handed *Crockford's Clerical Directory*.

### Vacant still

Last September I noted Brent Council's difficulties in finding a director of education. Now that the New Year has arrived, I hear that the problem is no nearer solution. Six applicants for the post were turned down last week, and the council is - yet again - to re-advertise. This means that the job has been unfilled since Adrian Parsons, alleging political interference, resigned last May. The deputy directorship is also vacant, so responsibility for Brent education falls on the shoulders of the borough's chief executive, Charles Wood. There must be someone out there of sufficient worth who would like to work for the nation's most progressive educationalists - the masterminds behind the Maureen McGoldrick case - mustn't there?

BARRY FANTONI



### Broad sweep

Judge Alexander Lauriston is being brought to book by Test Valley Borough Council in Hampshire for painting parts of the red brick facade of his listed early Victorian home without permission. Planners are "concerned" that his handiwork has changed the character of a "particularly prominent building" in Upper Clatford. Lauriston says he did not realize consent was required. Councilors will consider his application for retrospective permission to retain the lick of creamy paint tomorrow. I hope they take into mitigation that, in *Who's Who*, His Honour gives his hobby as painting.

### Cross purposes

The 30-month strike by ten Dublin shop assistants that led to South African food imports being degenarating into farce. After the ban, the strikers returned to work at Dunnes Stores on Monday, only to walk out again when asked to sign a commitment to handle all goods in future. Yesterday they produced what they claimed was a coded order from Dunnes to which South African suppliers which began "Dear Sister". In fact the letter was to an 88-year-old nun, Sister Atracta, who has spent 70 years teaching black children in South Africa. A Dunnes director, an old family friend, was donating the Stations of the Cross to her church.

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## Aids: time for a moral renaissance

by Cardinal Basil Hume

programme of information and education. Condoms and free needles for drug addicts will reduce but not remove the dangers; those at risk might be led to conclude that a potentially lethal life style can, with precautions, be made safe.

The fact to be faced is that all of us in society have to learn to live according to a renewed set of values. That will not be easy. How can any appeal for faithfulness and sexual restraint be heeded when there is on all sides explicit encouragement to promiscuous behaviour and frequent ridicule of moral values? Society is in moral disarray, for which we must all take our share of blame. Sexual permissiveness reflects a general decline of values.

Some might question whether any consensus on values is possible in a society which has so lost touch with its cultural, religious and spiritual roots. None the less I am convinced that there are untapped reserves of goodness and idealism in many individuals and communities. Laying the foundations for a new consensus will be prolonged, arduous and quite often hotly contested.

The search for a better way, the endeavour to reconstruct society's attitudes and values will, of necessity, take many forms. Together we must reflect on the consequences of our common humanity, the needs and longings of the human heart. We can learn too from history, while not idealizing the past. There can be no question, even if it were possible, of attempting to turn back the clock. The situation we confront demands of us a new response.

The Christian churches have an obvious part to play in this fundamental rethinking. So too have the world religions now represented in our country. The

The Roman Catholic Church, therefore, cannot be expected to lend support to any measures which tacitly accept, even if they do not encourage, sexual activity outside marriage. To do so would be inconsistent. It would weaken our primary witness to the Christian vision of human love and marriage. Nor do we accept that for the unmarried the choice lies solely between condoms and infection. There is a third course of action: refusal to engage in extra-marital sexual activity. Such self-discipline is not emotionally destructive, but can be a positive affirmation of a radical ideal, demanding but not impossible.

The Roman Catholic Church is committed to the cause of marriage and family life. It is a sad reduction on present values that no political party offers a coherent and comprehensive policy to sustain and uphold family life. Here there is much common ground to be explored. It is essential to enhance the quality of individual and family life.

A radical change in popular attitudes is possible, indeed necessary. Many in recent years have become convinced of the need to embrace a simpler, healthier lifestyle in order to enjoy a fuller, longer life. We are already changing deep-rooted habits in eating, drinking, smoking, exercise. How much greater is the necessity to rediscover the joy of faithful love and lasting marriage. It calls for self-discipline, restraint and a new awareness. Such a profound change in society also needs a comprehensive campaign of public education and persuasion.

The Aids crisis represents a watershed for contemporary society. It is much more than a matter of sexual morality. Shared moral values derive from an accepted understanding of society. Fear may well induce some to modify their sexual behaviour. That is not enough, however, to achieve that radical renewal of society which is so clearly needed. The necessary steps should be taken, I would suggest, in an atmosphere of calm and trust and in a spirit of dialogue and hope. There is much to be done in the home, in schools and in every part of our life and work together. Parents, teachers, clergy, communicators, those in public and political life, all have shared responsibility to discover new hope and a better way.

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Andrew Gimson

## Getting away from them all

"There were 500 of us on this deserted beach," a postman once told me after returning from Corfu. "The tour operator took us to this unspoilt bit on the other side of the island and laid on a barbecue."

Mass tourism is easily mocked: how absurd to call the beach "deserted" when there were 500 people on it. Yet we read very few attacks on tourism in the press. This is partly because newspapers want to attract advertising from the holiday companies. To that end, and especially at this time of year, when many people book their summer holidays, a plethora of articles appears about the joys of tourism. But it is mainly because to attack mass tourism looks undemocratic. How intolerable it would be to deny to the mass of people what the few have for long had the chance to enjoy, including the beaches of Corfu.

So instead of admitting that there is a very strong case to be made against mass tourism, we simply try to avoid it. We do not go to places which are touristy. Like my postman, we prefer places which are deserted, or as near deserted as possible. The best thing we can report of a place is that there were no tourists about. "We went to this little village fifteen miles inland where Smith-Millicent, the famous traveller, has retired. He had us up for drinks. Have you read his books? Unfortunately the Germans have just found out about him - they're starting to arrive in droves, all with copies of Smith-Millicent's *The Unknown Hellas* in their rucksacks. But we still managed to get away from them."

By "we" I mean "we ivory tourists". Our characteristic is to cut ourselves off on Ivory Tours from the so-called mass tourists. We would no more go on their kinds of holidays than we would choose to live in their kinds of houses or send our children to their kinds of schools. These things are all right for others, but not for us. Not only can they not afford, they probably do not know better.

But not everyone can be an ivory tourist, any more than everyone can have a mansion in Hampstead, or a cottage in the Lakes, or indeed a seat in the House of Lords. In such cases there are only two choices: that some should have these things, or none. When everyone has them, they vanish, or cease to be worth having. One year Turkish Armenia is a select destination, the next it has been invaded by the masses, who greatly change Turkish Armenia as much as Spain, say, has already changed.

The ivory tourists are driven to desperate measures. Ivory tours are made to more and more remote spots. Just before Christmas, a journalist wrote to me about an expedition to the Sahara Desert on which he was going. The trip is the "inaugural" of a new holiday travel firm. "I'll be one of seven passengers

and two crew sleeping in tents and travelling in a specialised Mercedes Unimog, which has 22 gears. These will enable our vehicle to go to places where others cannot. It will carry all the food we'll need, and a barbecue is planned for Christmas Day. There will also be a fridge and nearly 100 gallons of water. We must each drink at least six pints a day, so there must be much regular washing of clothes."

But even such frantic exercises as drinking six pints of water daily and wearing dirty clothes will not separate you from the mass tourists for long. Soon they will be all over the Sahara. They already saturate places one would rather go, such as Venice. Basil St Mark's Cathedral there is a sight in four languages: English, do not make this place into a snack-bar and garbage heap, thank you."

On a rainy day last November I found a "small minority" ignoring this sign, resting, as do dogs, on the disruption of football matches. But the main trouble was the huge majority of bored people blocking the view while they examined the work of M. Michel.

To many, drawn from every class of society, and including many who regard themselves as ivory tourists, it brings no pleasure beyond that of a task finished when the last chocolate bar has been "done" and they may turn wearily towards their hotel. Brave visitors like Philip Larkin, when they do not wish to travel, are not afraid to say so: "I wouldn't mind seeing China if I could come back the same day. I have been abroad. Generally speaking, the further one gets from home, the greater the misery."

But most of us feel with Dr Johnson. "A man who has not been in Italy, is always conscious of an inferiority from his not having seen what it is expected a man should see. The grand object of travelling is to see the shores of the Mediterranean. All our religion, almost all our law, almost all our arts, almost all that sets us above savages, has come to us from the Mediterranean."

So northern people go on pilgrimage to the Mediterranean. The former savages arrive like an army of occupation, to enjoy the sun and gaze at the remains of the civilization from which their own sprang. They bring much money. They are officially encouraged. But although they may be, on the average, no more Philistine than their predecessors, they are so much more numerous that they are bound to be incomparably more destructive.

Countries which take many lovers are quickly ruined. My postman says that Corfu is not what it was. This year he is going to Rhodes. One over government would like to see many tourists as possible to come to England. The more they come, the more jobs there will be selling hamburgers and souvenirs, but the less England will be.

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moreover... Miles Kingston

## The harrow and tractor match

Farmers are not like the rest of us. When their machines or vehicles break down they don't get them mended or replaced in the normal way; they put them in their yard or even leave them out in the field, making a mental note to get them repaired some time. But they never get round to it, which is why most farmyards look like badly maintained museums of farm machinery, or forgotten carparks.

My cousin Laurence, a Scottish farmer, noticed this long ago. He also noticed that when retiring farmers have a selling-up sale, which in Scotland is called a roup or disengagement sale, other farmers very often come along to put their stuff up for auction as well. So, as cousin Laurence told me at Hogmanay over a small dram of blended barley produce, he decided that something should be done about this treasury of secondhand but far from useless farm machinery. The trouble was that a farmer with something to get rid of, or in need of something, had no idea how to find a buyer or seller. This is where Laurence's bright idea came in.

"It's called Crumbs - Computerized Register of Used Machinery. Buyers and Sellers," he explained. "Most of the initial effort went into devising a catchy name, then I started to compile a list on my computer of all the machines offered for sale by my neighbours."

One reason such a scheme is needed is that spare parts for farm machinery are very expensive, and it's often cheaper to buy an entire secondhand machine just for one part from it than to buy the part alone. Another reason for the scheme is to clear up the farmyards of Britain and get rid of all that rusting machinery. Another reason is not to make cousin Laurence rich, as he appears to be charging no commission at all. I asked him, over a small tot of Glen Livestock malt, how the scheme was going so far. "Pretty slowly," he said. "This is partly because I've only started it and also because we British may be pretty good at thinking up great ideas, but we are not so good at getting them accepted. Think of the hovercraft. Think of wave energy. Think another glass of malt would go down well!"

It is certainly true that cousin Laurence has always been well ahead of current thinking in the agricultural field. He was the first person, as far as I know, to develop the golden rule of farming: study carefully what the government recommends and then do the exact opposite. Fashed him if he still held to that.

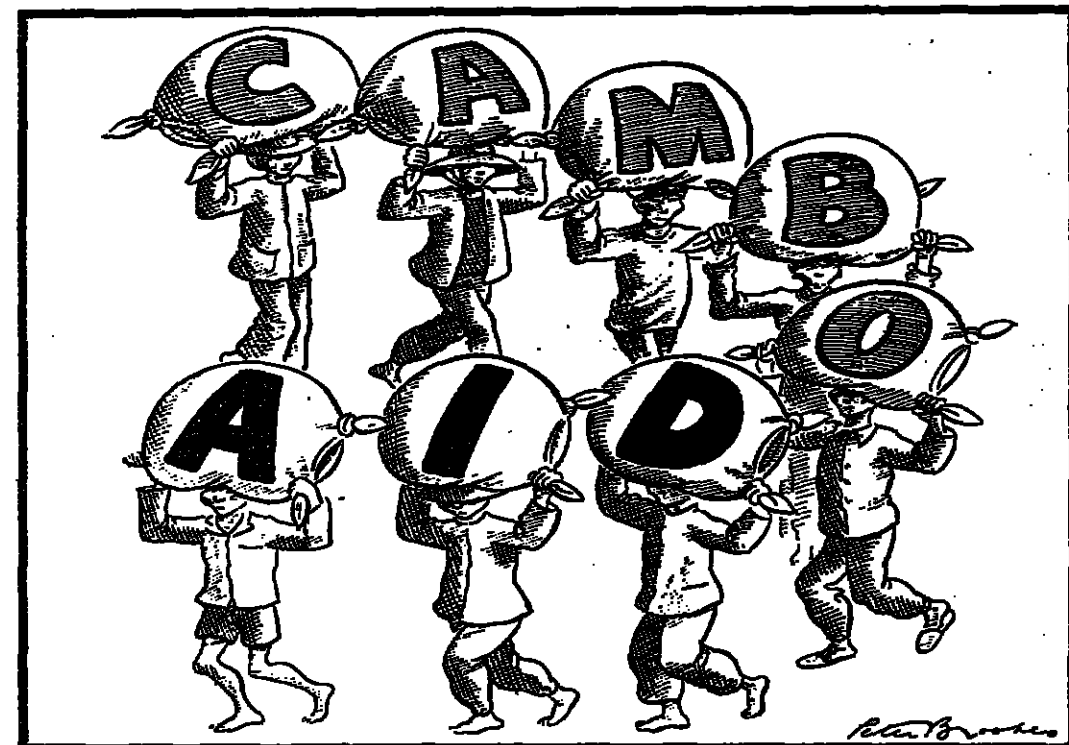
"No, I don't," he said. "So you agree with the government now, do you?" "Certainly not," he said, shocked. "No, the position now is that the government appears to have no discernible farming policy at all, so it's impossible to do the opposite. The best one can do is find out what most of the neighbours are doing and then do the opposite of that."

"And what are most of your neighbours doing?" "Failing to register for Crumbs."

Cousin Laurence stared deeply into a new glass of Glen Livestock, then spoke as if he had passed into a crystal ball. "I will tell you the truth about farming in Britain. So few of us are left living on the land that agriculture is formed largely by those living in suburbia. And what suburban man wants is a lovely clean landscape full of bonny cows and grass producing healthy foods with none of those nasty things that lead to heart attacks. Unfortunately, it's a contradiction in terms. Every time we plant the bright yellow rape seed plants that produce the healthy oil, suburban man screams that it's ruining the landscape. Every time we spread lovely organic slurry on the fields, suburban man moans a demo against the smell. Suburban man wants a deodorized countryside. But he can't have it. He despairs his glass."

"And another thing, British farming is now so efficient and productive that every time we have a good harvest we create more food mountains and more trouble for ourselves. Do you know what would be the best thing for British farming? I'll tell you. Two or three really bad years now. Perhaps four."

I lifted my glass to him and refilled it, though I didn't want to understand what he meant. Then, cousin Laurence has always been ahead of his time.



## Power politics —so this nation suffers

it was to this official body that the entirety of Britain's £1.3 million aid went last year.

The British government has no illusions about the nature of the coalition which "with the greatest reluctance" it supports at the UN.

This year members of the UN's Common Select Committee on Foreign Affairs visited the region and concluded that the camps were "in effect, rear base camps for support for the Khmer Rouge" and asked if the government was happy that UN resources were partly devoted to feeding the estimated 40,000 guerrillas. The Foreign Office acknowledged its scepticism at the Khmer Rouge's claims that it had changed either its philosophy (it says it is now pro-capitalist) or its techniques. Aid workers in the region confirm that inhabitants of the camps are terrorized by groups of thugs headed by Son Sen, who was in charge of Pol Pot's murderous security apparatus.

The reality is that, in a power struggle between the Soviet-backed Vietnamese and the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, the West chooses the position most likely to maintain instability along the Sino-Soviet flank. Aid from the major Western donors fell from \$305 million in 1974 to \$0.2 million in 1980. The consequence for the Cambodian people is that recovery from the horrors of the Pol Pot era is painfully slow.

"There is some progress but the situation is very bad," said one senior international aid worker. "The country still suffers badly from the effects of the American bombing." (During the Vietnam war US planes dropped 750 per cent more explosive on Cambodia than was dropped on Britain throughout the Second World War). The roads are some of the worst in the world. The Pol Pot regime destroyed the technical infrastructure; only 43 doctors, ten agronomists and three architects survived the massacres. Today there are only about 300 tech-

nocrats who run the country. They are very overworked. They have established new training programmes but, in agriculture, for example, the first students will not graduate until 1990.

The limited progress is slowed still further by the fact that first priority for resources is given to the war against the guerrillas. The coalition forces lost control of most territory during the 1984/85 campaign by the Vietnamese army but one of their leaders says their hit-and-run tactics could tie down 200,000 Vietnamese troops.

There is an irony in this, for the Vietnamese have declared their intention of withdrawing by 1990 and privately say that they would like to get out sooner. International observers say there is evidence of that.

One high-ranking westerner in Phnom Penh told me: "They are currently constructing a kind of Maginot Line along the border, clearing the bush and erecting fortifications. They are educating a local communist elite and have introduced conscription in an attempt to build an indigenous army. Though they refuse to deal with what they call the Pol Pot clique they have recently agreed to talk to Sihanouk, which is a substantial concession. It all points to a desire to get out."

Security was poor inside Cambodia during 1982 and again at the beginning of 1985 as the guerrillas thought to be getting extra money from Peking - set out to prove that they could stay active with longer supply lines despite the new border fortifications. But in recent months aid officials say that they have been able to move freely, though Soviet aid workers remain cautious after being selected as particular targets.

Soviet aid to Cambodia is thought to run at some \$100 million a year, concentrated on roads, textiles and other major

projects which in many countries would be financed by the World Bank. East Germany, the second biggest foreign donor, is putting about \$5m annually into hospitals and the telephone system. The rest of the aid comes from voluntary agencies such as Oxfam, which finds itself engaged in major projects normally beyond its resources - among them decontaminating the capital's water system and refurbishing a jute sack factory.

"There are some real success stories," said Bjorn Oldaeus, until recently the Phnom Penh representative of Unicef, the UN children's fund, whose more flexible mandate allowed it to work under the non-recognized government. "The restoration of education has been remarkable. People wanted primary schools and were prepared to build them themselves. So Unicef provided 60 per cent of the materials. Fifty thousand teachers have been trained in five years. There has also been great progress in basic health care, with 1,400 health centres established and 8,000 people trained."

But progress has been greatly slowed by the halt to western technological aid. It was as if the clock stopped in 1973. The country missed the green revolution and developments in primary health care like immunization and oral rehydration therapy. A comparatively small amount of money - say \$2 million - could bring about a tremendous improvement in children's health."

In agriculture, a bad harvest in 1984 led to a sharp increase in malnutrition, and although the 1985 harvest was good (and the signs are that this year's has been satisfactory) the socialist policy of forcing farmers to sell a proportion of their grain to the state at low prices seems to be having some disincentive effect.

"That could be changed if the West were to exert influence through giving aid," said one senior relief worker. "This is a very pragmatic government. Though it may teach its politics in Vietnamese and its agriculture in Russian it teaches its medicine in French. The West still has the chance to strike a deal to train the next generation of technocrats and educate them in our ways. The Cambodians are open to that. But if we persist in our policy of isolation much longer that chance could be gone for ever."





## THE JUDGEMENT OF PARIS

There was, for people in this country, an element of *deja vu* about the Paris street scene yesterday. Train strikes, power strikes, gas strikes, dock strikes and even a walk-out on the Metro, evoked long memories of 1978-79 when the so-called Winter of Discontent stopped Britain in its tracks and plunged areas into darkness. Suddenly the British illness seemed contagious.

Nor is it just the streets which looked familiar. The present wave of discontent began in mid-December with a rail dispute which quickly engulfed the tourist trade and freight. The Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac, after promising "no surrender", promptly surrendered — at least on the crucial issue of carter structure. By promising to suspend a scheme to introduce promotion by merit on the railways (as opposed to promotion by age), the Chirac government thought no doubt to extract the main fuse from the argument. It was a miscalculation.

Instead the railwaymen switched to concentrate their energies on their other much more general complaint — pay. Here they were able to find common cause with other public sector workers aggrieved by government policies on pay restraint. Having successfully brought inflation down to not much more than two per cent, the government has insisted on a pay ceiling of two per cent this year, or one per cent more in return for increased productivity. The struggle against unemploy-

ment should be his top priority, as M. Chirac put it yesterday after the Cabinet's crisis meeting. There would, he said, be no surrender.

But will anyone believe him this time? It is hard not to have some sympathy with him over his present predicament. His order of priorities must be right. But he is having to battle his way through it with only equivocal support from President Mitterrand, who must see political advantage in his right-wing prime minister's discomfiture.

On the other hand, it is M. Chirac's own fault that he has manoeuvred himself and his government into a corner. Since being elected on a platform of principle and toughness, M. Chirac has displayed a pragmatism bordering on expediency. France's Western allies might point out that the country's foreign policy has been fashioned in this way for many years. But under M. Chirac, it was hoped, things might be different. In the event, policy on French hostages, his capitulation to the students over education reform and, last month, over the creation of a railways meritocracy, have reawakened doubts over his political steadfastness.

This fumbling, uncertain record has obvious implications for the present dispute. He cannot now afford to give way. Not only would this jeopardise his wage and prices strategy — a fundamental part of his conservative government's economic programme, but next year will

feature the French presidential elections in which M. Chirac was hoping to play a part as the champion of the right. He is not without rivals for this role — not with Raymond Barre in the wings. For the Prime Minister to give ground once more in the face of a challenge to his own authority, could do irreparable damage. Unfortunately for him it is an uncomfortable battle-ground on which to make his stand. Paris commuters yesterday were said to be displaying what we on this side of the Channel might call the Dunkirk spirit. But if Communist-led unions persist in their anti-government campaign, would the same tired, cold commuters feel quite as resilient in March?

Moreover, he is dealing with the railways which are something of a growth industry in France. They are not the kind of dying state enterprise which the government could allow to go to the wall. The situation which confronts him is therefore one which at some stage might call out for compromise. M. Chirac's dilemma is that he is badly placed to bargain — having gambled all his chips away already.

Commentators have been busily comparing the French prime minister with Mr. Callaghan who endured the Winter of Discontent in Britain eight years ago — and lost the next election as reward. But perhaps the comparison should be with Mr. Heath? Neither spectre should provide much cause for comfort now in Paris.

## VIOLENCE AT HOME

Concern is rightly growing about domestic violence. The homicide figures (for 1985) show that of a total of 563 homicides, the victim in 422 cases was acquainted with the offender (in or out of the family) and of this figure, 115 offenders were either present or former cohabitants or spouses. And while the figure for domestic homicides has not increased in recent years, there is a general impression, even if we cannot put an official figure on it, that lesser acts of domestic violence have risen steadily. Yet there are still not enough referees to cope with the number of women and their children who are in need of protection.

Domestic violence comes in various guises. There is straightforward brutality by a partner who is more generally vicious, and there is the impulsive violence that sometimes arises out of the emotional tension between two people living together. Impulsive violence may not recur and the victim of it may resist outside intervention. In any single incident, however, the police or social workers may not be easily able to distinguish between the two brands of violence — and from that terrible tragedies can spring.

A further complication is that some active publicists in this field are anxious, for one reason or another, to puncture

the claims of family life — which they regard as a source of crimes from wife-battering to child abuse. Thus a first reaction to any suggestion that children need greater protection outside the home is often the assertion that they are most vulnerable within it. Abusing paper on "Police Responses to Domestic Violence", published recently by the London Strategic Policy Unit's Police Monitoring Group, offers interesting insights into how this problem is sometimes discussed.

It is right where it points to the limited protection afforded by the power of injunction to prevent a man from attacking a woman and entering her home. It is right to say that there are cases in which the police might take preventive action when they do not. It quotes one appalling case of a woman who was murdered after the police failed to take adequate notice of a warning letter from her solicitor, who could not apply for an injunction because the man's address was unknown.

Yet the briefing paper also observes, for instance, that whereas most women's fear of crime is "usually presented as fear of attack by an unknown man in the street", this "masks the reality that women are more likely to be attacked by a man they know in their own home."

This is highly misleading. A small minority of women face a high degree of risk of domestic violence. This compares to most women who, safe at home, face the danger of attack by an unknown assailant. Another example of dubious statistics is to project 2,500 instances of domestic violence in the highly atypical borough of Islington to give a figure of around three-quarters of a million for the whole capital.

Nor does it make sense to criticise the police both for their "cult of masculinity" and for their preference for mediation and reconciliation. Where the paper is right is in criticising judges who appear to dismiss the seriousness of domestic attacks on women.

Fortunately, the judiciary seems to be responding to public concern on this matter. Last month, the Recorder of London rightly sentenced to life, with a recommended minimum of 25 years, a man guilty of breaking into a battered wife's refuge and killing his wife in front of their children. The Court of Appeal also dismissed the appeal of a man accused of causing his wife grievous bodily harm with the message that it is no mitigation of a serious assault that it had occurred in a domestic scene.

All that the law can do to deter must be done.

## TRILLION DOLLAR MAN

President Reagan's one trillion (or million million) dollar budget is of wider significance than its domestic implications for the US economy and the President's political standing. America's trade imbalance with Japan and Germany is now the biggest single threat to the smooth expansion of world trade. Cutting the US budget deficit has an important contribution to make towards bringing world trade closer into balance.

There are two views on the measures required to deal with the US trade deficit. One is that the big fall in the dollar during the past two years will be sufficient of itself to bring the trade account back towards balance. The increased price competitiveness of US industry will in time cut imports and increase exports bringing trade closer to balance. The other is that exchange rate changes on their own will not be enough and that co-ordinated fiscal changes — deflationary in the US and inflationary in Germany and Japan — are also required.

The exchange rate purists are correct on a long view. Meanwhile, the risks of growing protectionism in the US and loss of confidence in the dollar, leading to an increase in interest rates, are high prices to pay. The adjustment to a more competitive dollar is

taking an uncomfortably long time as the huge November trade deficit bears out. Japanese industry has largely chosen to maintain volume and accept much reduced margins. And where it has retreated, other SE Asian exporters have stepped in.

Fiscal action would provide strong support for the effect of exchange rate changes. A smaller budget deficit in the US would reduce America's appetite for imports while the more expansionary policies which it is trying to persuade the German and Japanese governments to adopt would increase the demand for US exports.

This makes it important for the rest of the world that Congress should take the President's proposal to cut the budget deficit seriously, even if it does not agree every stage of the route. Mr. Reagan's proposal is that the deficit should be cut from \$220.7 billion to \$173.2 billion in fiscal 1987 and again to \$107.8 billion next year, roughly in line with the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law which Congress itself passed.

Exactly how this should be achieved offers scope for plenty of argument — arguments which will be familiar to British ears as to those of voters in practically every other western democracy. The

3 per cent increase in defence spending (in real terms) which the President proposes will be resisted by the Democratic majority in Congress, but it is nevertheless the smallest increase he has sought since taking office. Likewise the cut in health and welfare programmes, including cuts in Medicare and increases in Medicaid premiums, will be highly controversial.

The President has made a sensible assault on farming subsidies which Europeans are envious of the Common Agricultural Policy can only stare at in envy. Target prices are to be cut by 10 per cent a year to limit over-production, and a lower ceiling placed on the maximum subsidy any one farmer may receive.

The option of tax increases has predictably been eschewed. But income is to be raised from privatisation — whose proceeds are sensibly counted as revenue rather than negative expenditure. Oil fields, railroads and excess land and property are to be sold off and radio frequencies auctioned to the highest bidders.

There may be some ideas here for our own Government. But the main interest outside the US is that the deficit should be reduced. How it is done is a matter between Congress and the President.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Sloth' in weapons-buying system

From Mr Kenneth Warren, MP for Hastings and Rye (Conservative). Sir, When Mr George Younger announced the Nimrod AEW (airborne early warning) cancellation he stated that the Ministry of Defence would review its management systems "to ensure that such cost and time overruns do not happen in the future".

Since then, MOD sources have started a smoke-screen, saying that many of those responsible have been "retired, or been promoted". In the House, I had called for them to be "disciplined or discharged". I am confident the secretary of state will pursue his investigation because there are fundamental flaws in the structure of MOD.

Before entering Parliament I worked in GEC and so know many people on the Nimrod project. Whatever went wrong, I am deeply concerned that these engineers and managers should founder when HM Government is their customer, whereas they consistently and brilliantly succeed when the US Government is their customer.

At the sharp, leading edge of high technology it is hard to match the state of the art to the state of expectations. The US Department of Defense is a customer totally dedicated to success in partnership with its contractors. In the case of the MoD, to put it brutally, you are trying to get a grip on a tail of 18,000 officers and Civil Servants who are individually splendid, but collectively not similarly motivated.

The Procurement Executive have a horrendous task to halt the ingenuity of staff who piled a total of 3,845 separate modifications onto the Nimrod radar. For many contractors, winning an HM contract is not the end of a contest, but the beginning. We lack a common mission between Government as customer and industry as contractor. We also lack a common language whereby politicians, Civil Servants and technologists can communicate.

Confrontation is bad for industry. It is not good for Government. It is jointly applauded by our competitors and our enemies. As non-interventionist as I am, I acknowledge an essential level where Government must act vigorously and creatively, as the biggest customer in the nation, to promote British industry. We are a nation teeming with

scientific and engineering talent. But we are not so rich as to be able to afford to squander a billion pounds of investment without banging heads harder together.

The advanced industrial nations — USA, Japan and West Germany — are scything away markets we should have no technical problems retaining. We have three million unemployed and an import bill for manufacturers of over £1 billion a year. This is a nonsense. By setting efficient purchasing standards Government could be the pace-setter for a resurgence of design and quality in everything it needs, from cars to computers.

State ownership is no solution. State motivation of the market is overdue. The Treasury has said in the past it can't be done as it is too difficult. I do not believe the Prime Minister need accept their sloth. Yours faithfully, KENNETH WARREN, House of Commons, December 31.

### Lessons to learn

From Mrs Mary Harris. Sir, Nineteen eighty-six was Industry Year. As the director of an education/industry project in the shortage area of mathematics I was as active as I usually am, but took a certain amount of extra stick directed at teachers by industrialists.

During the Christmas break, as is the custom of most teachers, I prepared for next term. Some of my work needs to be done in libraries and at opening time this morning I was at work in the library of the Commonwealth Institute. All my fellow visitors throughout the morning were teachers preparing work for their students.

Two of the things that enable me to maintain the pace I do in spite of my salary are my coffee machine and my dishwasher. Both have been out of action since days before Christmas because the firms concerned are unable to supply parts or service before, during, and for days after the long holiday.

Sir, may I suggest that we name 1987 Education Year, the year in which we notice what actually goes on in education and what actually goes on in industry? Yours faithfully, MARY HARRIS, 31 Princedale Road, W11, December 29.

### Schools manifesto

From the Director of Education, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

Sir, If your main article of December 29 is any guide, the Hillgate Group (Whose Schools? A Radical Manifesto) is like others of the same ilk, strong on rhetoric and invective at the expense of fact and rational argument.

In my own authority school timetables look very much like they did 10 years ago and what evidence exists suggests that standards have risen rather than the reverse. Moreover, it is not the loony left or wishy-washy liberals who have heralded the introduction of the new GCSE, different methods of assessment and experiential learning rather than the pillars of the establishment, such as the CBI and the last Secretary of State, Sir Keith Joseph.

On the basis of my experience here in the north of England there is no widespread left-wing plot to subvert the curriculum and indoctrinate young people. The greatest safeguard in my authority against such dangers is the local borough council and not some remote vague Government-sponsored trust answerable to no one. There are enormous dangers in trying to legislate for the whole of the country on the basis of the activities of a small minority of

local education authorities, mainly in the London area.

What makes the present tide of abuse, fanned by ministers in the Department of Education and Science, hard to take is that so very few of the critics have any direct experience of local authority schools. Few, if any of them attended such schools and I suspect even fewer send their children to them.

I contrast that with the fact that the 10 most senior officers in my own department and the chairman and vice-chairman of the Rotherham Education Committee have between them had, or are currently having, over 30 children educated in our local schools. We have a very real vested as well as professional interest in seeing our schools flourish.

To try and undermine confidence in the public education system is no less an act of vandalism because it is done by those on the extreme right rather than the left of the political spectrum.

Yours faithfully, KEITH SNOWDEN, Director of Education, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Education Office, Norfolk House, Walker Place, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, December 31.

### Not quite ship-shape

From Mr J. R. Evans

Sir, The outstanding performance of the New Zealand yacht in the America's Cup races has not been satisfactorily explained. Perhaps the one difference between it and the other boats, namely that its hull is built of glass fibre and theirs of aluminium, should be examined.

It is well known to aircraft designers that a relatively thin metal skin supported by formers (bulkheads) and stringers is liable to distortion of the skin panels bounded by the formers and stringers, and the distortion will change with the load of the structure. This departure from the perfect shape over a large area in contact with the water will disturb

the water in the boundary layer, causing increased drag or water resistance.

In contrast a glass fibre hull has a thicker skin and few internal structural members and will therefore be perfectly faired as manufactured, and will retain its correct shape when under load. Other things being equal, the glass fibre-hulled yacht will therefore be faster.

In the next America's Cup races we may expect that the hulls will all be built of glass fibre, or perhaps of aluminium sandwich construction. Yours sincerely, J. R. EVANS, Woodpeckers, Freshwater Lane, St Mawes, Cornwall.

### Benefit for disabled

From the Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled

Sir, I cannot let the letter from Mr A.A. Aston of the Royal National Institute for the Blind (December 30) pass without comment since it may mislead your readers about the Government's intentions towards disabled people in the social security reforms from April, 1988.

We now have updated estimates of the number of severely disabled people living independently in the community and I have set out revised proposals to assist them which I will discuss with organisations representing disabled people (including the RNIB) in January.

Under the new proposals an estimated 7,000 people would receive the severe disability premium, to be set at the same rate as invalid care allowance — currently

£23.25 a week. On this basis, the premium will cost about £8 million a year compared with £1 million a year spent on the domestic assistance addition it is designed to replace, and which is received at present by about 3,000 people (90 per cent of whom receive amounts of £10 a week or less). That represents a substantial improvement for many severely disabled people.

Mr Aston also called on the Government to provide full protection to prevent disabled claimants from being left worse off than they are under existing benefit arrangements. We have repeatedly made clear that transitional arrangements will ensure that everyone whose weekly entitlement under the Income Support scheme turns out to be less than their weekly income under the supplementary benefit scheme at April, 1988 will continue to receive the higher amount. This

### Where the public fails the NHS

From Mr D. L. Crosby. Sir, Does the NHS get the support it deserves from the great British public? I believe that there are at least three areas in which it does not.

First, the frequency with which patients fail to keep arranged appointments, both as outpatients and for admission to hospital. Many patients on long waiting lists have deferred their admission on frequent occasions. This certainly adds to the difficulties of running hospitals efficiently.

Second, vandalism and theft are widespread in our hospitals. Basic materials and all manner of equipment disappear in considerable quantities. Security is expensive and difficult to achieve if open access for patients and their visitors is to be maintained. It is hard to estimate the loss of money which occurs and is thereby diverted from patient care.

Third, so much of the work of the medical profession is now preoccupied with the treatment of self-inflicted diseases involving tobacco, alcohol and drugs, as well as obesity and AIDS; it might well be possible to cope with non-preventable naturally occurring disease quite easily with existing resources were it not for these added problems.

I believe that the public should be made more aware — over and above its tax contributions — of its potential contribution to a successful National Health Service.

D. L. CROSBY, (Consultant Surgeon), University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, December 17.

### Macmillan succession

From Sir Brian Baisford and others

Sir, As members of the Government Whip's Office in October, 1963, we refute Mr Humphrey Berkeley's contention in his letter to you of January 5 regarding the election of a party leader.

We were requested by the Chief Whip to get in touch with Conservative members to ask for their views on the leadership. It was left entirely to us, individually, to do this, in any way we thought fit. We were certainly not instructed to use the hypothetical question such as Mr Berkeley suggests.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN BAISFORD, ROBIN CHAMBERLAIN-CLARK, MICHAEL HAMILTON, JOHN HILL, FRANK PEARSON, FRANCIS PYM, Lamb House, Rye, East Sussex, January 6.

### The evil that men do

From Dr W. J. Abel. Sir, Dr Beckerman (feature, December 17) is perfectly right to draw attention to a group of people who are not wholly responsible for their behaviour.

The late Professor Sir David Henderson, who had an unrivalled experience in the medical field pointed out, and those of us who have had experience in this field of forensic psychiatry will concur, that criminal conduct of an aggressive, self-assertive state with sadistic behaviour is a primitive response and that practically all criminals have given evidence of their uncontrolled instincts before the age of 18.

We accept that children are born with physical defects; is it so strange to accept that many may have defects in their central nervous systems? We know far more now about genetic inheritance.

I see no problem as a Christian in viewing people like Myra Hindley as conforming to the psychopathic state, in need of prolonged care, being defective in her capacity to live a normal life; the odds are weighted against her by reason of her make-up.

It is unhappily true that the majority of these unfortunate people are resistant to any treatment in this world. The Christian Church maintains that this world is not the end; it is surely right for us to believe that our second pilgrimage hereafter is one to wholeness and that that is a merciful Father's purpose for us all. There are few of us who are not in need of healing. Yours faithfully, W. J. ABEL, 9 Birkdale, Newmarket Road, Norwich, Norfolk, December 29.

applies to all claimants whether disabled or not. Moreover, for the very small number who receive extensive help by way of the domestic assistance addition and who may need such protection, the amount will be uprated thereafter to maintain its value.

The Government policy remains to direct more resources to disabled people. The illustrative figures in the new Income Support scheme from April, 1988, show that there will be an increase of over £20 million a year in weekly support. This is in addition to a real increase in spending on the sick and disabled of around 30 per cent since 1979.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MAJOR, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, SE1, December 31.

## ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 7 1911

Concern about anarchism arose at this time from the Houndsditch murders in which two policemen were shot and killed. The sequel was the siege of a house in Sidney Street, Stepney, to which a detachment of the Scots Guards was called. The building was eventually destroyed by fire and the bodies of two anarchists found.

### "EXPROPRIATION" AND ANARCHISTS.

THE MOVEMENT IN LONDON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The question whether the Houndsditch murders were or were not Anarchists is bound to give rise to much debate, in spite of the official assurances to the contrary.

It may be well to state the views of Anarchists themselves on the matter. "The different groups that are united in the International Federation do not approve of acts such as those of the Houndsditch murders," said one of the most influential Russian leaders. He added:

So far as we can judge, either from the names published or the photograph printed, they were certainly not members of our club in Jubilee Street. The police tell us that they attended our meetings. That may be so, and it is possible that they belonged to one of the Letich groups, which work independently, apparently referring to keep themselves aloof from other Anarchists here. The Houndsditch act bears a strong resemblance to a number of "expropriations" which took place in Russia during the revolutionary movement, and which were afterwards condemned and discouraged by the Anarchists themselves. The murders were young, little more than boys, and it was usually young fellows who were caught up in the "expropriation" movement in Russia. It would not be at all surprising if these men had been to our club meetings or lectures, had come in contact with a Russian police agent provocateur there, and had been urged on by him to do what they did, in order to help rob us of our homes in the last country open to the political refugee. Similar work has been done by Russian police agents in Belgium, in Paris and elsewhere during the past few years, as we know. But Anarchists as a whole are now against private expropriation, for we realise the harm it has done.

THE ANARCHIST CLUBS. A closer survey of Anarchism here may help to shed some light on the matter. As was told in a previous article the movement in London principally centres around two clubs, one in the East-end (temporarily closed) and one in the West. These clubs are the meeting place for several groups, mostly composed of foreign Jews, usually Russian Jewish tailors.

The distinctly foreign character of most of the groups has been a heavy handicap in attempting to attract the English working man. "Our position is often made difficult by the fact that we are foreigners," said Becker, one of the leaders. From Leeds, where the growth of the tailoring trade has given the Anarchists a chance, the complaint comes that as a result of the group being Jewish, the English will not come in. Some four years ago it was officially stated that there were seven provincial Anarchist groups. The number is about the same now.

These are the orthodox Anarchists, touting their orthodoxy and regarding all others as mere careless revolutionists. They have no central governing organization, but in 1907 an international bureau was established to act as a centre of communication between the different groups. The bureau was established after a conference at Amsterdam. Its headquarters are in London, at Stepney-green.

What is the aim of these different bodies? They describe themselves as the revolutionary forces of militant federalism. They openly declare themselves Terrorists, and they have been behind most European upheavals, outside of Turkey, from the Paris Commune to today. They make no secret of the fact they regard the appeal to physical force as legitimate. To quote from their own official document, the "Resolutions passed at the Amsterdam Anarchist Congress, Amsterdam, 1907":

During revolutionary periods, such as the present one in Russia, for instance, terrorism — apart from its psychological character — serves a twofold purpose: it undermines the very foundations of tyranny and kindles in the timid the divine fire of revolt. Especially is this the case where the terrorist activity is directed against the most brutal and hated agents of despotism.

### "THE RIGHT OF REBELLION"

The same congress declared itself in favour of the right of rebellion on the part of the individual, as well as on that of the masses. The "right of rebellion" on the part of the individual covers whatever the individual pleases to do. The great majority of Anarchists are avowed atheists...

Best before? From the Reverend Brian H. King. Sir, Today, the eighth day of Christmas, I visited my local branch of Marks and Spencer in search of a Christmas pudding. I was disappointed in not finding one and amazed to find hot cross buns on sale.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN H. KING, St Elisabeth's Vicarage, 266 Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex, January 2.



## THE ARTS

## Shelter sickness

Go down to Carrington House in Deptford and you will find some of London's 50,000 homeless. In its time this vast, twin-towered monument has housed brain-surgeons and journalists, squadron-leaders and lawyers. All have different reasons for their homelessness. Few need be ashamed of these reasons, yet none escapes the stigma that results from their situation. Talk to them and they seem too baffled to articulate their condition, too weak to mouth an effective protest.

## TELEVISION

By contrast, New York - *The Quiet Catastrophe* (ITV) showed the gutsiness of London's equivalents in the Big Apple. Transmitted at the start of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, Peter Kosminsky's documentary for First Tuesday was like a cold unglazing glass pressed against the streets of Manhattan, where there are now more homeless than in the Great Depression. The city which once welcomed immigrants with outstretched arms has not proved so hospitable to its home-grown refugees.

"Ronald Reagan believes these people are here by choice", intoned one earnest volunteer worker, "and that they can pull themselves up by their bootstraps. But when you have no boots you can't pull yourself up." Not that the actual conditions of life were as squalid as in London (or, for that matter, Lima, where much of the population lives without a ready water-supply in rush-matting huts). The squalor lay in the contrast between the homeless women surrounded by shopping-bags - which contained all her possessions - and the limousine collecting its passenger from Tiffany's.

For those who can brave the routine murder and theft, there are the city shelters - regimented rows of beds resembling a cemetery from the air. "This is it", said one mother (it is a family problem too), "this is my home." Or, in a metropolitan where cheap flats cost \$1,500 per month, there are the makeshift shacks on Lower East Side. Or, most depressing of all, the hotels around 42nd Street where Kathy Wilson cooks illegally in a room shared with her three children. She has lived here a year. If she lives here any longer "I'll go crazy, plain and simple". Halfway through the interview she has to stop and be sick.

Those who do not make it end up in pine coffins on an island east of the Bronx. Each grave is home to a thousand coffins. For many it is the only home, and the only community, they will have known. Their names are scribbled on the side by prisoners. "Fahoren", shouted the overseer. In the nick of time he stopped it from being misspelled. Fahoren. Perhaps he too, like those Dutch sailors in *The Great Gatsby*, once saw in this island "something commensurate with man's capacity for wonder".

## Nicholas Shakespeare

● The trio Arc-en-ciel gives an unusual concert of French music from the 18th and 20th centuries in the Purcell Room on February 3. In the first half Neil McLaren, Angela East and Sharon Gould play 18th-century flute, viola da gamba and harpsichord respectively; in the second they switch to 20th-century flute, cello and piano.

## Into the skin of the common man

The story of Gene Hackman's success may have taken a long time to write but, as *Twice in a Lifetime* opens in London on Friday, he finds himself supremely able to handle it: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare



Hackman: "I don't really know how nice I am. I know, when things don't go well, I get a little out of control."

In the lift to the top of the Hyde Park Hotel there is time to contemplate what people have said about Gene Hackman. "A poor man's Marlon Brando with a face like a man-handled melon and waiter's feet."

"Too nice a guy" (for his part in *The French Connection* - he was the seventh choice). "An overnight success story that took 20 years to write" (after his Oscar for that part). "A four-star homogenized all-American pain in the posterior" (presumably a result of his subsequent success in films like *Scarface* and *The Conversation*).

The face fits, with round eyebrows beginning a circle which is completed in his mouth and rippled in his chin. So, it must be said, do the feet. Sitting cross-legged on a sofa by the window, Gene Hackman bends his shoe, fiddles with a sugar cube and casts his glum blue eyes over London. He is here to promote his thirty-fifth film, *Twice in a Lifetime*, which opens at the Odeon Haymarket on Friday. It is the story of a steelworker (and grandfather, "but I don't deal with that") who leaves his wife and family for a part-time barmaid. Written by Colin Welland, it is one of the more moving portrayals of a marriage break-up I have seen, shirking nothing and apportioning no blame. It would also seem to mirror Hackman's own life.

"I'm from that same class and knew exactly the same tensions. The part I play is not unlike that of my dad, a journeyman pressman, who left home [Denville, Illinois] when I was 13, though I never knew about another woman." Coincidentally, Hackman found himself playing the part as his own marriage broke up. "It took a toll on me and my children. I think my acting changed because of it. It was more comfortable going on location for three months, but unfortunately in that I could not see a friend I had had for 35 years. There is anger and hatred stored up which I wish didn't exist." The divorce was tough. He picks up

It has been six years since Bill Bruford last led his own quartet, and at that time his previous experience as the drummer of the heavyweights acts Yes, Genesis and King Crimson was fresh enough to encourage his deployment of a forceful element of stylized rock within a format of complex structures and time-signatures most commonly associated with modern jazz.

He returned, to open a week of concerts by artists on the Editions EG label, as leader of a remarkable line-up comprising Django Bates (keyboards) and Iain Ballamy (saxophone), both of Loose Tubes, and the double-bassist Mick Hutton, an ensemble more firmly rooted in the sounds and nuances of jazz, though, as Bates's squawking over-loaded synthesizer solo in "Tone Row" suggested, still

capable of delivering the power punch on demand.

The supreme clarity and economy of Bruford's drumming remains undiminished, and he seems to develop new powers of musicality to embrace every advance in drum technique. His use of many tuned and programmed electronic pads was both ingenious and melodically apt, whether it was as (roughly) a steel-drum sound marking the chord-changes in "Up North" or as exquisitely harmonized chiming in the oriental-flavoured "Ikebana".

David Sinclair

## JAZZ

## Bill Bruford's Earthworks Elizabeth Hall

The light touch of Hutton's bass-playing in a Bates composition, "Emotional Shift", left the middle ground unusually exposed as Bates on piano and Ballamy on tenor embarked on a furious cacophony of spiky soloing, but when Bates took a horn solo during "Bridge of Inhibition" Bruford punctuated the section with controlled bursts of orchestral noise from Simmons drums. Such intriguing hi-tech effects were balanced by compositions like Ballamy's "It Needn't End in Tears", a gentle ballad that found Bruford deftly swishing brushes around the snare. These contrasts, together with disciplined arrangements of consistently excellent material, ensured optimum exposure for a group of exceptional talents.

David Sinclair

## DANCE

## Coppelia Sadler's Wells

acquiring added relevance when the company is celebrating four decades of achievement. One large virtue of the present production is that it allows scope for personal reinterpretations of Dr Coppelia by various performers. There will be five of them during the run, with David Bantley rightly taking pride of place on Monday night. More than anyone else, he catches a happy balance between humour and credibility. No doubt he could, if he set his mind to it, prove as uproariously comic in the role as Helpmann and Holder in

years gone by, but he prefers to provide enough humour while also bringing out the poetry of the ballet. You feel that, with him, trying to put a human soul into his prize doll is serious work; and when he thinks the trick has come off there is an awesome wonder in the finger-biting admiration with which he regards his supposed creation.

Karen Donovan makes a bright, bubbling Swanilda and, like Peter Jacobson as Franz, her dancing is clean, quick and lively, although neither of them has yet fully found how to use their arms to add grace to their brilliant legwork. Sandra Madgwick danced her Dawn solo brilliantly, almost too exuberantly, and Barry Woods' music went with a swing.

John Percival

## Masterful vintage farce

So far, the Ben Travers revival has been limited to his pre-war long-runners. But *Spotted Dick* had the bad luck to arrive during the phoney war and closed after nine performances. It has been left to Watford to make long overdue amends to a vintage farce cut off in its prime. A sequel to *Banana Ridge*, it was another piece for the Alfred Drayton-Robertson Hare team. Travers summed up Drayton as "a big, raucous man admirably equipped to pursue the popular pastime of bullying Bunny Hare". And, as revivals of both plays confirm, their comic relationship is a good deal easier for later actors to evoke than the previous Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn routines.

*Spotted Dick* is a farce in the sporting and gambling genre to which we have lately been reintroduced in the Lyttelton revival of *Tons of Money*. These plays occupy a world of iron sexual propriety and wild financial licence, unmasking the lust of respectable people to cheat their way into millions if only they knew how. Travers's piece is vastly superior to *Tons of Money*, partly because the author does understand cash no matter how clueless his characters may be. It is also the work of a master whose dialogue and plotting alike bear his unmistakable signature. By the

## THEATRE

## Spotted Dick Palace, Watford

time he wrote it, Travers had given up groan-inducing conscious verbal jokes. Instead, the most ordinary expressions become hilarious through slightly misplaced word-order, or the disintegration of syntax under panic. "I'll work my fingers to the bone", roars the bankrupt Norton Plumb - "wait for Goodwood". Plumb's little problem is the disappearance of the family jewels which his daughter is due to inherit. He has staked them on the horses. Unknown to him, his gambling wife has also handed them over to a night-club owner. Not only that, she also laments their disappearance by staging a mock break-in, not realizing that her husband's creditor, Charlie, will go ahead and claim the insurance. That, you might think, would be material enough for the plot. But before the first act is over she confesses all, and this is merely a prelude to the real business of disentangling the mess. As the action moves into the timbered underworld of Maidenhead, there are echoes of *Thark* and

*Rookery Nook*. But there is no slackening of comic energy, and the main relationship between Plumb and Charlie is a wonderful demonstration of Travers's lifelong devotion to bullies and victims.

In Lou Stein's production, a booming, rhinoceros-horned Christopher Benjamin browbeats an impossibly indignant Anthony O'Donnell. The fun lies in the variety of the bullying. Sometimes Charlie is elbowed aside like a chair in the wrong place; sometimes he is coaxed into a sense of security so as to walk into a trap. The company, who excel in sporting vowels and race-track manners, stop well short of satirizing the piece; and there are sparkling support performances from Paula Wilcox and David Beames.

Irving Wardle

Obviously, a pianist who can give a convincing account of this work, with a marvellous command of its bubbling movement through time, is a rare performer.

I suspect the Ringham Quartet may be just as valuable, for they showed a very impressive vigour and solidity of ensemble. The two violas are dynamic, tight of tone and exciting, their companions softer; and they combined with a will to give a magnificent performance of the Late-18th-century Quartet. Paul Patterson's Quartet, which they dispatched with similar confidence, is a compact pendant to the Barok set.

Paul Griffiths

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A SPECIAL REPORT

# The super-tech goes into big business

The need for computer literacy is now accepted worldwide, yet the UK has been slow in taking up the challenge. The new IT Institute will help make Britain a leader in the handling, storage and transmitting of information by technological means

IT Institute

For most academics, a higher education establishment without a vice-chancellor and a senate or court would be unthinkable. In these times of rapid change, however, virtually anything is possible.

Indeed, this report is about a new degree-awarding institution which will be administered on commercial lines by a chief executive reporting to a supervisory board of directors, and which could be a blueprint for future technological universities and colleges.

The IT Institute, the new establishment, will specialize in information technology teaching and research for commerce and industry, to help cut the shortage of skilled IT people. It will be based in Milton Keynes, and is due to open in June.

The IT Institute is believed to be the first of its kind to be created jointly by industry and a university institution. More than 30 British and American firms have collaborated with Cranfield Institute of Technology, one of Britain's largest university institutions, and invested £3.5 million to set it up.

They include major IT users such as British Gas, British Aerospace and British Petro-



## PROFILE

The chief executive of the IT Institute, Dr Alan Fox, left, was appointed for his all-round record in information technology. His career embraces research, working with industry, technology transfer and involvement in the creation of higher education programmes.

Dr Fox was a deputy director of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, Malvern, one of the foremost centres of electronics and IT research in Europe, responsible mainly for the development of electronic, computer and certain allied technologies for the defence and trade ministries. He has been active as a member of collaborative research programmes in western Europe and North America.

leum, as well as major IT suppliers such as IBM, DEC, BICC, British Telecom, CAP, Hewlett-Packard, Inmos, Intel, McDonnell Douglas, Pericom, Rank Xerox, Seicon, Tektronix and SDRG-CAE International.

The IT Institute will be run as a self-supporting commercial company, with many of the sponsor firms having representatives on its board of directors. The board will have direct control of its activities and ensure courses and research are geared to industry requirements and based on the world's latest IT resources.

The new institute is the brainchild of Sir Henry Chilver, vice-chancellor of Cranfield, a strong advocate of industry-university collaboration who firmly believes that IT, and its cost-effective use, by industry and commerce, are vitally important for the economy.

Information technology is the world's fastest growing business and industrial activ-

ity, and its development and applications are accelerating rapidly in all industrialized countries, he points out.

"Increasingly, people are realizing that future prosperity depends on the success with which IT products and ser-

**Prosperity depends on the success with which IT products and services can be produced and utilized**

VICES can be produced and utilized in every sector of business and government," he said.

"Thus, to be in the forefront of world trade, British commerce and industry must adopt IT methods for their manufacturing and business operations. If we fail to do so, we will become uncompetitive

in international markets, with all that means for jobs and lack of economic growth.

"It is also essential that Britain has a thriving IT industry, able to compete successfully in the multi-billion pound market for IT products, which is growing at more than 10 per cent a year.

"In Britain," he said, "progress towards these vital objectives has long been hampered by an acute shortage of people trained in the necessary skills."

Sir Henry said though education establishments throughout the country are training students in IT skills, the institute's founders — and many others in commerce and industry — contend that the present outputs of the higher educational system are not meeting the country's needs for people with higher skills in IT.

He said: "There are increasing mismatches between the skills required by industry and the skills provided by the

educational system. Many students of IT are trained on obsolete hardware and software, and cannot be usefully employed until they have undergone further training on current systems."

This is because traditional centres of higher education often cannot afford the high cost of updating their equipment. The cost of updating the new institute's equipment, for example, will be £2 million a year.

According to the institute's chief executive, Dr Alan Fox, the new institute's user-orientated approach to IT is essential if the long-standing shortage of people with IT skills is to be overcome.

"IT education and training in the UK are mainly geared to the needs of IT suppliers," he says. "While skills for designing computers are obviously necessary, it is the skills for applying computing techniques to applications which users want to computerize, that are in short supply.

"The IT skills shortage in the City, for example, is not of people with expertise in computing, but of people expert in financial systems and who know how to computerize them in a cost-effective way. Thus we need to provide courses that develop skills for IT users — particularly in software and communications — and open up more potential applications for computerization."

Dr Fox is aiming the institute's activities at industries requiring training at all levels, and adopting a "top-down" approach by offering courses from top management downwards.

"Management cannot make important decisions on the most cost-effective IT strategy for their businesses — and thus safeguard their competitiveness — without a knowledge of all the points they need to consider," he said.

Graduate and post-graduate courses will also be offered.

Teaching activities are expected to grow to some 200 post-graduate programmes and over 4,000 IT courses for industry personnel over the first five years.

Research activities will cover high growth application

**We need courses to develop skills for IT users as new developments open up more applications for computerization**

areas such as networking, microelectronics, software engineering, and artificial intelligence, and will be carried on a joint venture basis with sponsoring companies and international research institutions.

Income from teaching and research is expected to grow from £2.5 million in the first

year, to £12.5 million in year five.

Dr Fox believes the commercial structure, financial independence and international character of the IT Institute will enable it to keep up with the latest developments in IT worldwide, and afford to constantly update its teaching and research resources with the latest equipment.

The institute will also have the resources to develop new training techniques and tailor its courses and research to quickly adapt to changing market requirements.

It could be argued that as academic institutions increasingly realize the problems of teaching and research in high technology, so they will develop new teaching institutions working closely with industry.

Thus the IT Institute could be regarded as the shape of things to come.

Frank Brown

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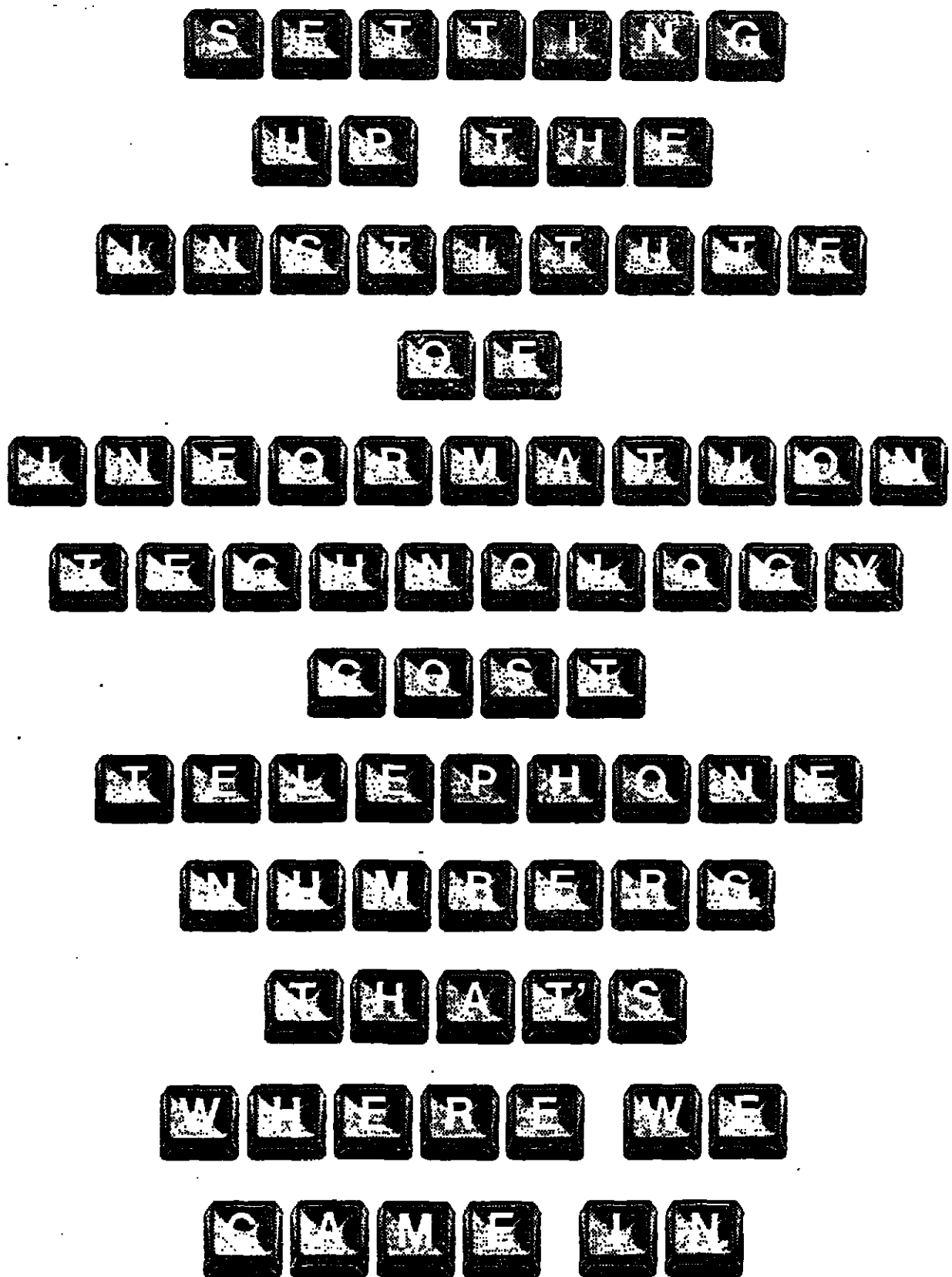
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# Research is the big earner

The IT Institute was created to serve a desperate need: how is Britain to get a larger slice of the business in an industry whose development and application is accelerating in all industrialized countries?

It was with this thought in mind — initially prompted by the approach of several leading British companies — that the Cranfield Institute of Technology decided to create the IT Institute, with the objective of providing training to help redress the acute shortage of people in the UK trained in IT skills.

The shortage is a widely acknowledged constraint on Britain's ability to take full advantage of the explosion in IT opportunities.

Last year a report prepared for the Government by the Institute of Manpower Studies estimated that the market for IT products and services would grow by at least 10 per cent between now and 1990 — and carried the warning that the skill shortages would continue throughout the period.

The IMS report followed an investigation into IT skill shortages which concluded that a new partnership must be formed between industry and the education system. The IT Institute is partly a product of that concern.

It is a concept with which Cranfield Institute of Technology has earned an enviable reputation in the fields of training, research and development: find an area of growth, examine its potential, bring together a high-calibre

team of multi-disciplinary skills and industry and commerce will come knocking on the door with both the students to participate in the courses and the cash to fund the operation.

Energy has been one field that Cranfield has exploited, in the sense of exploring its potential; the environment has been another. Now it is information technology, with 25 companies backing the institute to the tune of more than £4 million.

One guiding principle of the IT Institute is that students must have access to the most advanced equipment, and in the IT field, nothing remains the most-advanced for all that long. But set alongside that yardstick is the qualification that they need to be trained on equipment which will be available within their own working environment.

About £2 million a year will be required to maintain a regular updating of the IT Institute's equipment. Industrialists behind the Milton Keynes initiative have complained that the teaching of information technology at UK universities and colleges has been hampered because the equipment is often out of date.

Seven companies — British Aerospace, British Gas, BICC, BP, British Telecom, Cable & Wireless and Longman — have been cash sponsors; others, such as Digital Equipment, GEC Software, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Tektronix and Oracle, have been hardware and software sponsors.

Run on commercial business rather than on traditional

academic administration lines, "it is," said Sir Henry Chilver, vice-chancellor of Cranfield, "the first industry-funded higher education establishment of its kind entirely devoted to the teaching and development of information technology."

Its teaching activities will include training graduates of

IT Institute



Sir Henry Chilver: Problem of continuous investment.

other disciplines, running graduate programmes for graduates with IT degrees and providing IT update courses for executives, managers and other key commerce and industry personnel.

This month, as an example, the IT Institute is starting specially constructed courses

in information systems engineering for companies as disparate, industrially and geographically, as Massey Ferguson in the UK, Phillips at Eindhoven in the Netherlands and the aerospace division of Alfa Romeo in Naples.

Specially designed courses are in preparation to meet needs, especially those of its company backers such as British Telecom, BP and British Aerospace.

Teaching activities at the institute are expected to grow to 200 postgraduate programmes and 4,000 IT update courses over the first five years. Dr Alan Fox, the institute's principal and chief executive, is also working on plans for the introduction of an undergraduate course, but the emphasis will be on post-graduate courses.

Probably 80 per cent of the courses will be specially designed for companies — which will be held either at the IT in-house — but a whole raft of IT short courses have been organized for the benefit of industry.

Designed to run from between three to six weeks, the short courses will include new design technologies, computer aided design (CAD) for designers and draughtsmen, information systems engineering, application and management of CAD, and selecting and exploiting CAD.

There is also the distinct possibility that some short courses will be run for students over a period of time, at which they will earn points,

and finally emerge with an MSc degree.

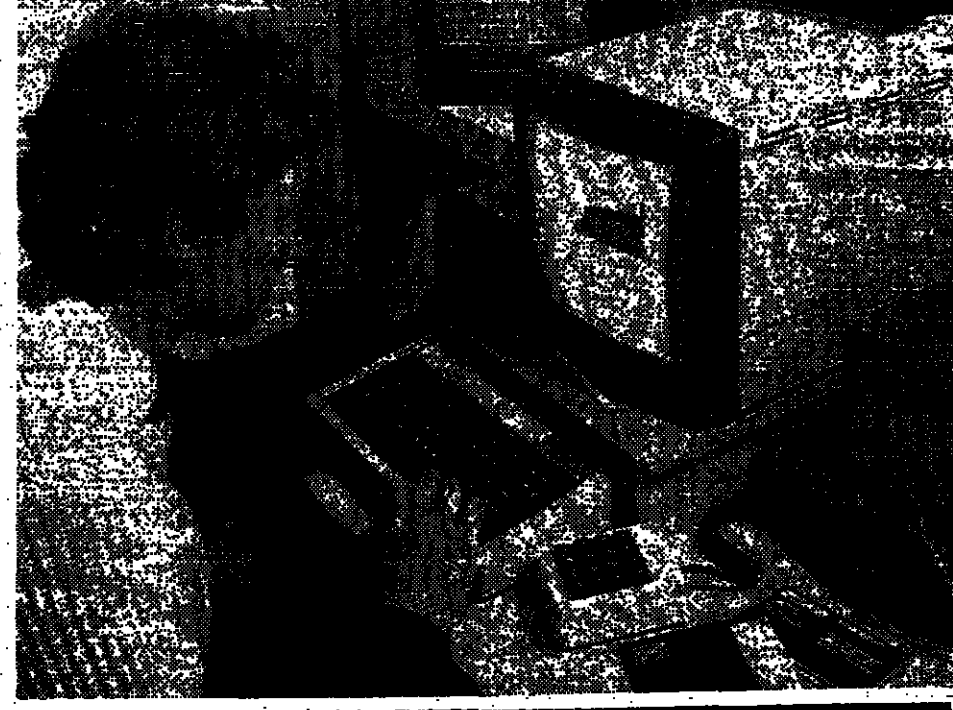
The IT Institute, which started preliminary work in September, has so far a staff of eight. Five more are expected to be recruited within the year. But the IT foresees a staff of 150, with research income growing to around £6 million a year.

Research activities will focus on key IT applications areas such as networking, parallel processing, software engineering, artificial intelligence and microelectronics, but the overall initial concept of Dr Fox is providing training facilities in systems approach to computers in the areas of design, management and manufacture.

The aim will be to educate people on the courses on how best to integrate systems within a company to maximize their potential use. There can be hypothetical modules or a company coming forward with a practical problem which it needs resolving.

As information technology grows, a continual problem is that there are increasing mismatches between the skills required by industry and those provided by the education system. Many students of IT are being trained on obsolete equipment and cannot be usefully employed until they have undergone further training on systems in current use.

As for its potential users, the institute has broken them down under five headings: manufacturers of components and sub-systems for computers and their associated peripherals, manufacturers of



computers and specialized processors; manufacturers of large-scale IT systems, including commercial systems, communications systems, production systems and data handling systems; software houses; IT users, including commercial businesses, industrial organizations, public sector organizations, medicine and leisure industries.

The institute believes there is a wide need "out there" to exploit the benefits of information technology, not only in training personnel but also in its development.

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## Why the profits will be ploughed back

The IT Institute is an initiative in educational-industrial cooperation without precedent. Independent, and run as a business, it has no vice-chancellor but a chief executive, reporting to a board of directors.

Though Cranfield Institute of Technology has embarked on the project as one of the leading shareholders, it will be for the board to decide how to run the venture.

"The difficulty with industrial support for higher education in Britain is that organizations usually make endowments on a once-and-for-all basis", Sir Henry Chilver, Cranfield's vice-chancellor, has explained. "Getting continuous investment is one of the biggest problems facing higher education."

He added: "The teaching of information technology subjects, with the short life of equipment, requires continuous investment and that is why we need to run the institute as a business. Proceeds will be ploughed back into the business to provide new resources."

"There is room for many other institutes", says Sir Henry, but he sees Cranfield as being different because it will "relate to all the leading companies in the world".

Whereas most other universities and colleges have a relationship with locally-based companies, the IT Institute "is programmed to develop on international lines."

It represents a significant development in technological higher education, as well as being a milestone in collaboration between industry and education.

### Independent and self-supporting

It will be the first wholly industry-funded and commercially-run higher education centre of its kind, dedicated entirely to the teaching and development of information technology.

For the first-time, Britain will have an independent centre of technological learning which will be geared to the needs of commerce and industry, and will be self-supporting.

Though the institute's main location will be Milton Keynes, as digital fibre-optic networks develop, so the possibility of locating branches close to concentrations of commerce and industry in various parts of the country — in other words, distributed higher technological education — will become practical.

As part of the institute's policy to serve commerce and industry nationwide, it plans to set up additional locations in other regional areas.

What the IT Institute aims to do is to provide a sustained and integrated approach to both IT advanced teaching and applied research. It is confident of success because, nationally, the resources going into higher education are diminishing, making it impossible for most institutions to channel into IT the level of resourcing required.

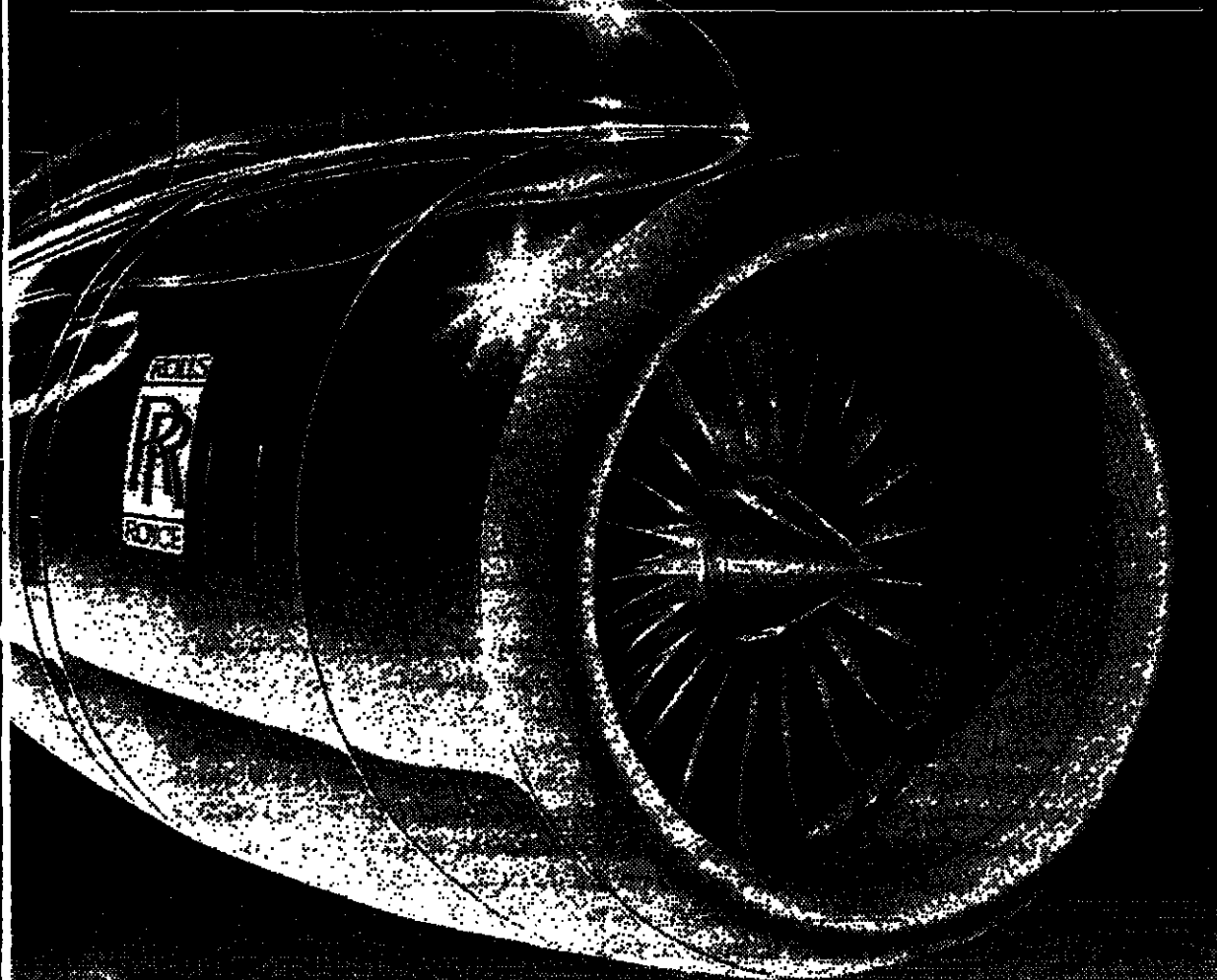
The Cranfield IT Institute, on the other hand, is being resourced by the very companies which will require its services. Moreover, Cranfield, because it has started from an initial base of financial self-sufficiency through its backers, will be able to offer the competitive salaries to attract the high-calibre staff which will be needed.

As well as developing an international establishment of

education and research, the IT Institute has three objectives in mind: to provide an independent tertiary education model which overcomes the constraints of the present system; to generate new "spin-off" companies, as Cranfield has done with its other educational centres; and to exploit the commercial application of its research and development programmes.

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The development of CRANFIELD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY from its inception as the College of Aeronautics in 1946, through to the granting of a Royal Charter in 1969, the inclusion of Silsoe College and more recently, the Royal Military College of Science as Faculties of the Institute, reflect the growing importance and widening scope of the work of the Institute, and its leadership in the increased collaboration between academia and industry so necessary for the well being of the nation.

The Institute currently operates on three campuses at Cranfield, Silsoe and Shrivenham. On each campus, applied research, postgraduate and post-experience teaching are a feature of the work of every school. There is constant interplay between these activities which fuels the unique synergy that has underpinned Cranfield's achievements over the last forty years.

The Cranfield Review, which concentrates on the research aspects of Cranfield's work, and the guide to Courses, which gives course details for the three campuses are available from John Blagden, Corporate Information Services, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 0AL.

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# Joining up to beat the world

To provide integrated training and research solutions for manufacturing companies, the IT Institute will collaborate with Cranfield's partner in computer-integrated manufacturing, the CIM Institute.

Formed in conjunction with IBM in February last year, the institute aims to become the national focus for advanced teaching and research in CIM.

IT Institute

drawing together — eventually on a network basis — the expertise on this key technology in British universities and manufacturing industries.

It also aims to become the leading European research and post-graduate teaching centre in computer-integrated manufacturing.

An educational charity, the CIM Institute is based at Cranfield, and works closely with CIT's College of Manufacturing, whose resources include an exclusive range of robots and machine tools.

The institute is housed in a £750,000 purpose-designed new building, which contains all its major manufacturing computing facilities. These include an IBM 4381 processor with software and an associated network of personal computers, graphic and alpha-numeric terminals —

provided by financial support of more than £2.5 million from the IBM Trust.

In addition, the Ford Motor Company has covenanted £250,000 over five years for a professorship of manufacturing quality in CIM, and several companies have supported student projects in engineering and electronics. Other support includes a bursary donated by Sir Angus Paton.

To ensure that the CIM Institute maintains a clear focus on the practical needs of industrial companies, Cranfield sought a chief executive with extensive experience of manufacturing in a wide range of industries. It approached Arthur D Little, the international technology and management consultancy, which claims to have coined the term CIM in 1972.

ADL agreed to release its director of CIM consulting in Europe, Peter Stokes, to become CIM's chief executive, and is cooperating further by providing case study and technical material for teaching.

CIM research will be carried out in two partly overlapping streams. Industrial projects and research in the form of Japanese-style collaborative programmes, will be carried out in conjunction with various industrial companies.

The CIMI is undertaking three main teaching activities, each with an emphasis on applications backed by practical research.

First is a one-year MSc programme for engineers with three years' industrial experience, which has been devel-



Peter Stokes who has been released to be CIMI's chief executive.

oped to provide a steady stream of CIM specialists to industry. This now has 10 students and this will rise to 60 a year within the next five years.

Each student has his own personal computer with access to the institute's IBM mainframe, and a wide range of networked facilities and applications software. Students' activities are split between teaching and an industrial research project.

The second activity comprises short courses ranging from three days to three

months for people in industry — executives, engineering and manufacturing staff, etc. including those with the responsibility of implementing integrated manufacturing techniques in their companies.

The third teaching activity will comprise customized courses tailored to address client companies' specific needs and problems and for staging within clients' own premises. The CIM Institute is also carrying out applications research, cost-benefit analyses and evaluating the experi-

ences of companies using CIM.

In addition to the IT Institute and Cranfield College of Manufacturing, the CIM Institute has collaborative and computer links with other Cranfield departments. It is also cooperating with other universities.

Information technology is the world's fastest-growing business and industrial activity, admitting no frontiers. Throughout the world, there is a multi-billion market for IT products, and it is growing at more than 10 per cent each year.

With a growing international reputation, and with a group of British companies — either using or manufacturing information technology — approaching Cranfield to set up an institute, it was already known that there was a European gap to be exploited.

Exploitation was used in the sense not only of supplying a need but also analysing and developing what has already been achieved, and in the cross-fertilization of ideas.

As Sir Henry Clilverd, vice-chancellor of Cranfield explained: "Information technology knows no boundaries; it is not tribal. It is essential to go out into the world and find out what is happening and then adapt and build upon the knowledge that is acquired to meet the needs of the future. It is a constructive application of the resources that are not only available but are developing all the time."

There is a growing demand for the latest techniques which, so far, is not being supplied. European countries, like the United Kingdom, are trailing behind the Japanese and the Americans in the exploitation of information technology and, like Britain are involved in latter-day attempts to catch up.

Dr Alan Fox, the institute's principal and managing director, who was previously deputy director (applied physics) of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern, has international experience.

## The big push for the last frontier

He was a member of the Department of Trade and Industry delegation to the Japanese Fifth Generation Computer conference and is co-author of the subsequent report to the Government which led to the formation of the Alvey Programme.

Holland is now setting up its own IT institute, but at Cranfield they feel they have a distinct advantage, best expressed by Dr Fox: "With English being the *lingua franca* of the computer industry, we have a unique asset to exploit abroad in the training in information systems."

### Towards a link with Europeans

That there is a need was underlined by the highly-influential European Round Table of Industrialists who concluded some time ago that there was a need for a European "power-house" of information technology.

Initially they considered the possibility of a federation of universities, but the latest scheme is to create such a power-house and ap. vouchers have already been made to the Cranfield IT Institute.

Whether a European IT institute will ever get off the ground remains to be seen, but

Cranfield is already working towards the possibility.

It already has strong links with the University of Technology at Compiègne in northern France, where a double degree scheme has been in operation since 1979. Under the scheme, British engineers can study for the *Diplôme d'Ingénieur* and French students can study for the Cranfield MSc.

Now, Compiègne is opening up a second campus, which could be ideally suited, geographically, for the creation of a Cranfield-led Institute of Technology.

All this may be for the future, certainly three or four years away, but Cranfield is already running IT ventures for European companies in Holland and Italy, with its lecturers regularly visiting Eindhoven and Naples to conduct short courses.

But why Cranfield? Why should it believe that it is in the forefront of information technology, when there are universities in Britain and Europe which provide courses in IT?

Dr Alisdair Lochart, head of administration, gave two reasons why he believes that Cranfield is in a unique position.

The first is that it has a growing international reputation in advanced technology and research and development, cooperating with several educational and government bodies, around the world.

The second is that the IT Institute will be run on management school lines for people primarily with post-graduate experience, with the provision of high quality short-courses.

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## Cranfield: powerhouse for business

Cranfield Institute of Technology is a university institution with a tradition of collaboration with industry, the members of its court having long believed that such a union is essential for the well-being of society.

It also has a long-established policy of adapting and expanding its resources and services as technology develops, so that they are geared to industry's needs. Dedicated to

teaching and research in advanced technology, applied science, management and social policy, Cranfield is the largest centre of research, development and design for industry, commerce, defence and public services in Western Europe.

As well as undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses in numerous disciplines, it offers advisory and consultancy services in key

areas of science and technology.

The institute has more than 11,000 students, and 1,700 teaching, research and support staff, located in three campuses: Cranfield and Silsoe in Bedfordshire and Sharncliffe in Wiltshire. Its total income exceeds £48 million a year, and is growing by 11 per cent a year. Revenues exceed government grants by more than 5:1.

The institute was created by Royal Charter in 1969, when it was granted its university constitution and degree-awarding powers. This was the culmination of many years of expansion and diversification by the College of Aeronautics, which was set up at Cranfield in 1946 to train engineers for the aircraft industry.

The college quickly gained a reputation for excellence in training and the quality of graduates. Its terms of reference were broadened in 1959 to encompass other developing disciplines, including electronic and mechanical engineering, production, engineering and management.

Further expansion and diversification followed. Within four years, Cranfield had a third of all full-time postgraduate technology students in Britain.

In 1967, a separate school of management was formed from the rapidly growing management-training activities of Cranfield's School of Production Studies.

With the granting of the Royal Charter in 1969, the college became Cranfield Institute of Technology. Its aircraft engineering activity, which now embraced aerospace technology, retained the name College of Aeronautics, and became a department of the Institute of Technology.

Cranfield's activities were extended in 1975 when the National College of Agricultural Engineering, Silsoe, now called Silsoe College, became part of the institute. The college was founded in 1960 at the request of the agricultural industry. Its site at Silsoe, 14 miles from Cranfield, is now the institute's Silsoe campus.

Silsoe College aims to provide highly-qualified technical manpower for the agricultural engineering and allied industries, and the public services. Its teaching and research covers agricultural mechanization, equipment design and manufacture, field engineering, buildings and food processing and marketing and management.

The institute's Sharncliffe campus was created in 1984 when it assumed responsibility for the civilian academic task at the Royal Military College of Science.

The RMCS is pre-eminent as a centre of education and research in defence technology. It can trace its origin back to 1772, and received its Royal Charter in 1953.

The college offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in applied science, engineering, management and military technology, plus a range of short courses in these subjects, to civilian as well as military students worldwide.

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## Take-off point for the technocrats

The Cranfield Campus is a 600-acre site which was originally a pre-Second World War II RAF aerodrome. The airfield is still in use, and is one of the best-equipped private airfields in Britain. It has full instrument landing equipment and radar aids, and is used by aviation companies and private firms, as well as the College of Aeronautics.

Though in a rural setting, the site is 10 minutes drive from the M1, and has provided Cranfield with the space to continually expand its activities in line with technological change.

In 1984, for example, a College of Manufacturing was set up to provide the largest concentration of teaching and research in this rapidly expanding area.

The college trains 150 graduates, 200 postgraduates and 1,000 short-course students a year. Its courses have a high IT content, and its research and development activities generate £4.5 million a year.

Cranfield has also built up considerable activities in IT. The institute's Information Technology Centre, for example, spans the Cranfield and Sharncliffe campuses, and has 150 undergraduate students, and 150 postgraduate students. It also runs specialist short courses, attended by some 1,500 delegates each year.

IT activities in the institute's faculties and departments include:

- Avionics (College of Aeronautics)
- Communications and remote sensing (Sharncliffe)
- Bio-electronics (Biotechnology Centre)
- Business computer systems (School of Management)

• Computer-aided design (Centre for Engineering Design)

• Computer-aided engineering (Department for Applied Computing and Mathematics)

• Computer-aided manufacturing (Centre for Engineering Design)

• Laser anemometry (School for Mechanical Engineering)

• Plant & process monitoring (School of Industrial Science)

• Signal processing (Signals Processing Applications Group)

• Software engineering (Sharncliffe & Microprocessor Applications Group)

The College of Manufacturing is also collaborating with several industrial partners in the CIM Institute, an independent centre for computer-integrated manufacture and the application of IT skills to manufacturing processes, which was established at Cranfield earlier this year.

Cranfield has long encouraged close cooperation between its departments and industry. The institute has links with more than 1,000 industrial organizations. More than 10 spin-off companies have been established through its wholly-owned company, Cranfield Research and Development Ltd.

In addition, several independent organizations are accommodated on the Cranfield and Silsoe campuses, and work closely with the institute. At Cranfield, they include the British Hydromechanics Research Association, the British Case-Study Clearing House, Iotec, Educational Technology, Trent Air Services and Rogers Aviation.

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# Cinemas hurt by Puttnam's apartheid lead

From George Brock, Johannesburg

South Africa's largest cinema chain is threatening to close down cinemas which do not become multi-racial within the next few months.

Ster-Kinekor, which runs 150 cinemas across the country, has told several town councils around Johannesburg that it will close cinemas rather than run them under racial segregation laws.

Fifteen of its cinemas are still "whites only". Cinemas are one of several places in which the Government has repeatedly promised to end "petty" apartheid; in practice it often persists outside the largest cities.

The company's decision follows a threat from one of the leading Hollywood distributors, Columbia Pictures, to stop supplying cinema chains operating segregated theatres after May 1.

David Puttnam, the British film producer and the new head of Columbia Pictures, is leading the Hollywood campaign, where other big studios are believed to be moving quietly in the same direction.

Films shown at leading cinemas here are almost entirely American and any such sanction would have an immediate and visible effect on the range of films available.

Johannesburg cinemas this week are showing Hollywood imports from *101 Dalmatians* to *Top Gun* and *Legal Eagles*. Local interest is represented

# Card carrying strikers left in the dark



French strikers were forced to play cards by candlelight yesterday as electricity workers' industrial action led to power cuts. Power chaos, Page 5.

# Reagan prostate free of cancer

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Doctors reported yesterday that the tissue removed surgically from President Reagan's enlarged prostate was free of cancer and that the President was feeling so well that he had asked: "What am I doing here?"

Dr John Hutton, the President's physician, said Mr Reagan was recovering well from the prostate surgery he underwent on Monday at Bethesda Naval Hospital. "He feels good and has not complained of any pain. His vital signs are all in the normal range and are stable and strong."

"There is no evidence of post-operative infection. His physicians are impressed and extremely pleased by the President's residence."

"Final laboratory results on tissue removed during the transurethral resection are in and show the tissue to be benign."

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House press secretary, said Mr Reagan, aged 75, was recovering smoothly. He would undergo a cat scan, a final test to determine whether there had been any spread of cancer in the abdomen.

The President was operated on for colon cancer last July. Since then tiny polyps have been removed from his intestine during regular checks and all have been found to be non-malignant.

# Alliance divided over election spokesmen

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Alliance attempt to put together a team of joint election spokesmen was in turmoil last night, with deep divisions opening up over its size and composition.

Some senior Liberals were arguing that an announcement should be postponed until the beginning of a general election campaign, while others maintained that it should at least be delayed until after the Barbecue rally this month to allow for consultations.

The parties are also split over who should be given the key defence job, Mr John Cartwright, SDP MP for Woolwich, or Mr Russell Johnston, long-serving Liberal MP for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal

# Anderton crusade criticized

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to bear and one is making the notification of Aids far less likely or possible," added Dr Habgood.

"That is the danger of the kind of statements the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester made a few weeks ago. By turning this into a great moral crusade he has tended to increase the guilt and fear that many people feel."

On one point Dr Habgood agreed with Mr Anderton, a former Methodist lay preacher now converting to Catholicism. They both believe a halt should be called to casual sex with couples returning to a faithful relationship with a single partner.

A few days ago Mr Anderton told *The Times* that he stood by every single word now and would for the rest of his life.

Aids controversy, page 2

# Contras burgled in Washington

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The Contras' arms deals, said the documents, were apparently burgled. Documents relating to the investigations were said to be the target.

Several groups around the country known to oppose American support for the Contras have reported burglaries, resulting in the theft of records and documents relating to funding of the Contras and the Iran arms deals.

The latest documents stolen from the FDN are unlikely to have any direct connection to the diversion of funds to the Contras from profits connected with arms sales to Iran. But they did include copies of cheques from private US donors and financial records from 1983.

The FDN's Washington office is part of a suite rented by the United Nicaraguan Opposition, the umbrella organization linking three principal rebel groups, situated a few miles from central Washington.

Señor Matamoros said he discovered the documents were missing from an unlocked cabinet when he returned from a Christmas holiday.

The office is used primarily for lobbying Congress and maintaining contact with Reagan Administration officials.

Meanwhile, the White House reacted furiously yesterday to a refusal by the Senate Intelligence Committee to release a 160-page report that said President Reagan was unlikely to have known of the diversion of profits to the Contras from the Iran arms sales.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said President Reagan "is outraged, deeply disappointed. He is concerned that a committee of the elected representatives in Congress will not make available to the American people the facts they have gathered."

# US control alleged by Labour MP

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American firms grab the business.

And that Mrs Thatcher, determined to have an American PWR reactor and to have our electricity supplied by nuclear power rather than coal "effectively confronted the NUM on behalf of Westinghouse".

A Defence Ministry spokesman last night described Mr Meacher's claims about CIA men in the Ministry under the Cocom umbrella as "absolute rubbish" and senior Labour figures moved swiftly last night to distance the party leadership from Mr Meacher's initiative. It was explained authoritatively that Mr Meacher's letter was a "purely personal statement" which did not reflect any Labour party initiative and was not being taken at all seriously. Mr Kinnoch, it was emphasised, had no prior knowledge of the Meacher letter, a claim disputed by Mr Meacher's friends.

That through their control of spare parts, the US could hold almost all our main defence, industrial and research computers to ransom.

That US Department of Commerce regulations requiring audits of British companies ostensibly to prevent resale of US equipment to the Eastern block are frequently only cover for industrial espionage, with licences for British exports held up while

# 500 Chinese reported killed

London (Reuters) - Vietnamese troops have killed nearly 500 Chinese soldiers in clashes in northern Vietnam, Hanoi radio said yesterday.

The radio said Chinese infantry launched three attacks on Monday in the province of Ha Tuyen but were beaten back.

The two communist states have clashed before on their border but there have been no reported major incidents in the last four years.

Claims about Western diplomats in London said last night they were amazed by Vietnamese claims that 500 Chinese soldiers had been killed (Nicholas Beeson writes).

One source speculated that if true, it would constitute a major setback for Mr Gorbachev.

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

New exhibitions

The Art of Map-Making: Dutch Cartography; Portsmouth Polytechnic, Portsmouth: Tues to Sun, 10 to 5, closed Mon (ends Jan 18).

Derek Ryan Landscapes 1979-1986; Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness St, NW1, Tues to Sat 10.30 to 5.30 (ends Jan 24).

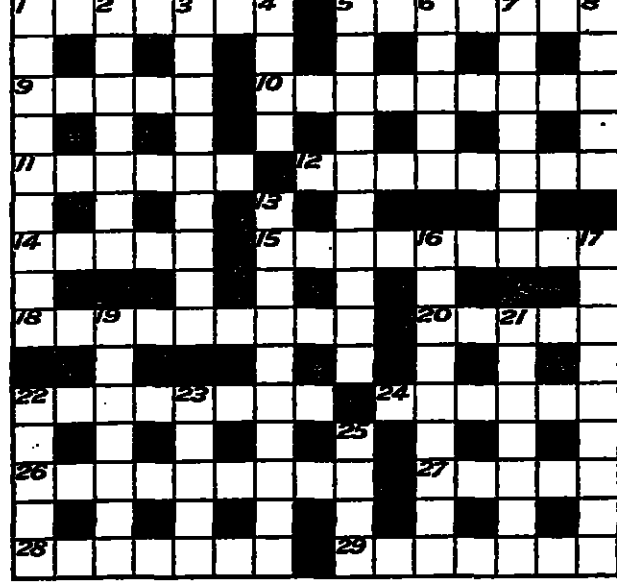
Riverside Artist Group Exhibition and photographs by Fay Godwin; Fulham Palace, Bishops Avenue, SW6, Wed to Sat 11 to 7.30, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Feb 8).

Paintings by Ivan Barrow; The Talent Store Gallery, 11 Eccleston St, SW1, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30 (ends Jan 30).

Drawings and Paintings by Yumi Katayama; The Cresser Gallery, 320 Portobello Rd, W10, Tue to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Feb 10).

Ceramic Plates by Laurie Jo

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,247



- ACROSS
- After the show, dash back for a fustener (7).
  - What republicans hope to do for a career? (7).
  - A number acting rejected this smaller group (5).
  - About time to change this navigational aid? (9).
  - Care about a backward plant (6).
  - Abandoned crew said to have blasphemed (8).
  - Greybeard, a military man at heart (5).
  - Limit vote somehow? It's a recurring theme (9).
  - Queen entered club restaurant (9).
  - One's sweetheart may be so old-fashioned (5).
  - Court Deputy Lieutenant - also cops, say? (8).
  - Look in to criticize the race (6).
  - Native beheaded Maori, being wild (9).
  - Order observed in 16, 1 confers (5).
  - He embraced a girl - from Thessaly, perhaps? (7).
  - Young Isambard's territory (7).
- DOWN
- Source of sweetness hard to come by on manoeuvres (9).
  - Disregarded rising soldier, a Right-winger (7).
  - Benefactor heads south or goes up north in it (9).
- Concise Crossword page 8

### Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Alexander Veselin and Russian Constructivism, by Selim Omarovich Ivanov; London: Duckworth, £28.50.

Bayle's Dictionary 1646-73, A Business History, by T.R. Gourvish (Cambridge, 245).

Dwarf Goss to Oxford, autobiography of Jack Trevor Story (Lancaster, £2.95).

Gods and Goddess Images, The Chalk Hill-Figures of Britain, by Paul Newman (Hale, £12.95).

Henry Moore, Complete Sculpture, vol 2 1940-54, vol 3 1955-64, edited by Alan Bowness (Lund Humphries, £25 each).

In Defence of Literary Impetuosity, by M.M. Newton (Macmillan, £27.50).

The Politics of Diversity, Feminism, Modernism and Nationalism, edited by Robert Hamilton and Michele Barrett (Verso, £24.95, paperback £9.95).

The Shaping of Modern Psychology, An Historical Introduction, by L.S. Vannoy (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £15.95).

Welsh Verse Translations, by Tony Conran (Poetry Wales Press, £10.95, paperback £4.95).

Writers at Work, The Paris Review Interviews, edited by George Plimpton (Secker & Warburg, £17.50).

### Anniversaries

Births: Millard Fillmore, 13th President of the USA (1850-53), Locke Township, New York 1800; Saint Bernadette de Lourdes (Marie-Bernadette Soubirous), Lourdes, 1844; Charles Peguy, poet, Orleans, 1873; Francis Paulsen, composer, Paris, 1899; Deaths: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII, Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, 1536; Nicholas Hilliard, miniaturist, London, 1619; Allan Ramsey, poet, Edinburgh, 1758; Sir Thomas Lawrence, painter, FRA 1820-30, London, 1830.

The first flight across the English Channel was made by Jean Blanchard and Dr J. Jeffries in their hot-air balloon, crossing from Dover to Calais, 1785.

### Roads

London and the South-east: East Coast Extra traffic due to opening of International Boat Show, Vauxhall Cross: Delays approaching Vauxhall Bridge due to roadworks at junction of Lambeth Rd and Kennington Lane. Essex: Roundabout construction along A120 Great Dunmow at junction with Stortford Rd.

The Midlands: M5: Only one lane southbound between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester N). Southbound entry and exit slip roads closed at junction 5. A5: Repair work at Weston under Lizard, E of Telford. A456 Hereford and Worcester: Delays at Bewdley due to bypass being built.

The North: M6 South Yorkshire: Delays due to lane closures at junction 23 (Marsfield). M61 Greater Manchester: Lane closures on both carriageways at Blacow Bridge M61/M6 because of work on motorway link at Walton Summit. A19: Work between Leven Valley viaduct and Crathorne interchange, Cleveland.

Wales and West: M5 Somerset: Carriageway closures between junctions 24 (Minhead) and 27 (Tiverton). A38: Both lanes closed at top of Haldon Hill between Exeter and Plymouth, Devon. A40 Gloucestershire: Road closure and diversions near Hamley W of junction A4136.

### WEATHER

Much of Britain will have a cold day with some sunshine in the more N and W regions. E parts of England will be rather cloudy with a little sleet or snow in places. There will be widespread frost both early and late in the day. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: mostly dry and cold with sunny periods and night frost. Becoming milder in N and W later.

### HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	PM	MT	HT
London Bridge	6.52	6.52	7.35	6.3
Aberdeen	7.04	3.5	7.05	3.7
Aberystwyth	7.24	11.5	12.2	10.4
Amble	4.28	5.1	4.47	3.4
Cardiff	10.56	4.2	12.14	10.8
Cardigan	10.56	4.2	12.14	10.8
Colwyn	4.00	5.1	4.41	5.8
Dunfermline	10.28	4.6	11.02	4.4
Edinburgh	9.48	3.48	10.5	3.6
Harwich	4.41	3.7	5.26	3.6
Haydock	3.46	4.6	4.02	4.3
Leamington	4.28	5.1	4.47	4.2
Lincoln	11.25	7.8	11.46	7.2
Liverpool	6.15	4.2	8.31	4.3
London	6.52	6.52	7.35	6.3
Loughborough	2.05	2.4	3.35	2.0
Margate	1.57	4.4	5.51	4.1
Mersey	11.25	7.8	11.46	7.2
Newquay	10.41	6.0	11.10	5.6
Oban	10.14	4.8	10.50	4.6
Orkney	11.50	7.2	11.46	7.2
Portsmouth	4.19	5.6	4.45	5.2
Sharncliffe	4.27	4.1	4.42	3.8
Southampton	4.27	4.1	4.42	3.8
Stirling	11.44	7.4	11.46	7.2
Tees	8.23	4.4	9.28	4.7
Wilton-on-Avon	4.37	5.9	5.22	5.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

### AROUND BRITAIN

Area	Wind	Temp	Cloud
London	12	7	45
Manchester	12	7	45
Nottingham	12	7	45
Sheffield	12	7	45
Cardiff	12	7	45
Edinburgh	12	7	45
Glasgow	12	7	45
Belfast	12	7	45
London	12	7	45
Manchester	12	7	45
Nottingham	12	7	45
Sheffield	12	7	45
Cardiff	12	7	45
Edinburgh	12	7	45
Glasgow	12	7	45
Belfast	12	7	45

### YESTERDAY

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	12	7	45
Manchester	12	7	45
Nottingham	12	7	45
Sheffield	12	7	45
Cardiff	12	7	45
Edinburgh	12	7	45
Glasgow	12	7	45
Belfast	12	7	45

### LIGHTING-UP TIME

Area	Lighting-up time
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W German mark  
2.8334 (-0.0088)  
Trade-weighted  
68.9 (+0.1)

## UK labour costs 'static'

Britain's unit labour costs have stopped rising, according to Credit Suisse First Boston bank. This means that the industry should retain the strong competitive position obtained by the fall in sterling last year.

The bank estimates that unit labour costs in manufacturing showed no increase in the year to January and that growth should remain close to zero throughout this year.

Although pay increases have remained high, they have been offset by big gains in productivity. Output has resumed a rapid rate of growth while manufacturing employment has declined.

Latest official figures show that in the August-October quarter manufacturing unit labour costs, compared with a year earlier, rose 3.8 per cent—the same rate as in Japan and slower than in West Germany where the increase was 4.5 per cent.

**Buy approved**  
Shareholders in Property and Reversionary Investments have approved the £59 million acquisition of Lynton Holdings, the property company, and H&A Rubens, the partnership which manages and is sole agent for P&R. Acceptances have been received for 53.5 per cent of Lynton's shares.

**PWS up 71%**  
PWS Holdings, the Lloyd's broker formed from a merger of Howard Group and PWS International, made pretax profits of £8.45 million in the year to the end of September, a rise of 71 per cent after using merger accounting principles.

**Profits rise**  
Sandell Perkins' first results announcement since going public last September showed interim pretax profit up 34 per cent to £4.7 million for the six months to September 30. Sales were up 20 per cent to £5.3 million and a dividend of 1.3p net was declared.

**Cash offer**  
Intermediate Securities will make an unconditional offer of 15p a share in cash for Howard and Wyndham, the publisher and retail jeweller. Intermediate is registered in the Cayman Islands.

**Bid approach**  
Mitchell Somers has received an approach which may lead to an offer being made for the company.

## Share scheme for Burton chiefs

## Halpern may reap £8m

By Cliff Feltham

The Burton high street group is proposing an executive share option scheme, which could be worth £8 million for its chairman Sir Ralph Halpern, already Britain's highest paid businessman.

The scheme, which still has to be approved by shareholders, will reward up to 30 executives with options worth eight times their salary.

Burton said last night that the scheme was put together after discussion with leading City institutions and could form the basis of incentive packages for other public companies.

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The latest two-pronged scheme allows options to be

exercised only if growth in earnings per share rises by 30 per cent over a five-year period, in addition to growth in the retail price index. The other scheme is triggered off if earnings growth is in the top 25 per cent of a "league table".

Assuming both these targets were met last year, Sir Ralph would receive options worth £8 million. Two other directors earned more than £700,000 and would have also received substantial option packages.

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## Calm at the storm's eye

In summer 1981 Ernest Saunders was enjoying a highly successful, if largely anonymous, career in Geneva, just a slalom away from the ski-slopes where he still loves to spend his leisure hours.

Five years later he was arguably the most successful manager in British industry, with a swashbuckling record to match those of more illustrious names such as Lord Hanson, Sir Owen Green and his own adversary, James Guthrie. Guinness, valued at just £90 million when he moved in, was worth £3.5 billion shortly after completion of the Distillers takeover last April. But by that stage Mr Saunders was also at the centre of a major financial row, and about to figure just as prominently in an even bigger one.

Yet throughout he has remained a private man. In looks and manner Ernest Saunders is the archetypal City businessman. His air is so untroubled as to often appear aloof. He might even be likened to a pint of Guinness, his near-white hair crowning an invariably dark, sober suit. And when he speaks it is with a voice smoothly reminiscent of the famous Irish stout.

Armed with a law degree, he had come down from Cambridge in the late 1950s and gone to work with J Walter Thompson, the advertising agency. In 1966 he joined Beecan, which he left in 1973 for Great Universal Stores. Four years later he was on the move again, this time to the Swiss chocolate giant, Nestlé. That was the job which took him to Geneva.

Along the way he had built a formidable reputation as a manager, and it was this that attracted Guinness. Its plight presented enough of a challenge to tempt Mr Saunders back to London in 1981. Much needed to be done, and he wasted no time doing it.

When Saunders arrived he found the group consisted of a major brewing enterprise and a string of over 200 subsidiary companies engaged in businesses as bizarre and unrelated as film-making, orchid-growing and horse-drawn carriages.

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Smooth operator: Ernest Saunders, architect of the modern Guinness business

posed of the famous confectionery business of Cadell & Bowser. Within another year he had closed down or sold some 140 of the subsidiaries. He had made major changes at both management and board-

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room level. And he had attempted to revitalize flagging sales of Guinness itself by introducing his old employer, J Walter Thompson, to pep up the advertising campaign.

He has since likened the experience to "flying through fog." He recalls that there were "52 accountants floating

around, no one was producing monthly figures."

But Mr Saunders's marketing skills could not compensate for what was a declining beer market. Guinness had little obvious growth potential.

The astute Mr Saunders recognized this. A second era of diversification began. It started with a number of forays into the retailing business.

Then, in summer 1985, he embarked on his acrimonious takeover bid for Arthur Bell, the Scotch whisky distiller. Bell brought him not only victory but valuable lessons in

the bitter in-fighting of contested takeover bids that stood him in good stead when, six months or so later, he launched Guinness into the battle for DCL itself.

Saunders was able to present himself as a white knight to the DCL board on making his £2.7 billion bid and was confident in the knowledge that the market would support him.

That confidence helped him win the battle for DCL, but in the end he may have overplayed his hand.

Michael Tate

## DTI team calls on brokers

By Richard Lander  
The Department of Trade and Industry investigators looking into possible insider trading offences by civil servants have visited the offices of a small firm of brokers, Walker Cripps Weddle Beck.

The visit, which took place before the New Year, is understood to have focused on two small share transactions executed by the firm. "We haven't heard from the inspectors since, which would seem to indicate that they're not concerned about the deals," said a source at Walker Cripps.

The two deals were apparently carried out for one account holder. One led to a profit of under £1,000 while the other incurred a small loss.

The investigation, being carried out by Mr John Lindsay, QC, and Mr Peter Crozier, was announced by the Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Industry, on December 18. They are looking into alleged leaks of sensitive information by officials in the DTI, the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

A DTI spokesman yesterday would give no information on the investigation's progress and would neither confirm nor deny the inspectors' visit.

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## Bryant's 1988 forecast starts row

By Cliff Feltham  
Bryant Holdings, the housebuilder, yesterday shored up its defences against the £137 million bid from English China Clays by taking the unusual step of forecasting its profits for the year ending May 31 1988.

Mr Chris Bryant, the chairman, is looking for pretax profits of £26 million — a 24 per cent increase on the £21 million already predicted for the current year.

This move prompted a sharp reaction from the bid-

ders. Mr Nicholas Jones, of J Henry Schroder Wagg, English China's merchant bank adviser, said: "A forecast that far off should be taken with a very large pinch of salt. It is highly speculative. I have certainly never come across one made so far in advance."

But Bryant claims it is able to predict accurately the number of houses it plans to sell because of its four-year land bank. However, the defence document issued yesterday assumes that, in making the forecast, there will be no big

increase in mortgage rates and that next winter will not be a real "freezer."

Mr Bryant declares: "We are confident, provided we do not get a two-month freeze, which obviously would affect us. We could also cope with a 2 to 3 per cent rise in mortgage rates."

The document from Bryant also revalues its assets at 187p a share — a surplus of £146 million over book value. The reward for shareholders' loyalty is the prospect of a 20.8 per cent dividend rise this

year.

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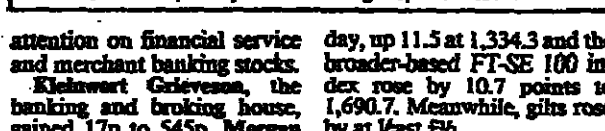






## STOCK MARKET

5p to 380p, sector analysts said that the activity had led fund managers and speculators alike to focus their



Elsewhere, the market was restrained by nervousness about further insider dealing scandals - and in spite of another record close on Wall Street over-night - but managed a modest rally before the close. It was helped later in the day by a major institution, which carried out a computerized buy-sell program as part of a buying programme - buying back stock during the afternoon.

The FT 30 share index closed at its highest level of the

Bass stood out with a jump of 15p to 748p, followed by Morland, up by 5p to 358p, Devenish, 2p to 213p, Joseph Holt, 7p to 832p, Whithread "B", 2p to 283p and Greenall

**Whitley 1p to 193p.**  
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## COMMENT

This led to the very public and forceful censure of some leading names in the City. They were all acting on the best legal advice, from different advisers. Since the AE affair came towards the end of a period of hectic takeover activity in the City, it seems reasonable to suppose that other practitioners in other bids were acting on the same basis as that so roundly condemned by the Takeover Panel.

Hopefully, when the dust settles over the Guinness affair, the ground rules which determine the fate of companies facing unwelcome takeovers should be

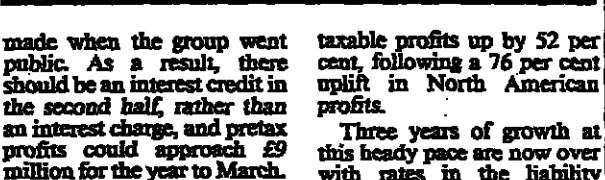
Hearty growth in real incomes was the key feature in the economy last year. It occurred as a result of a combination of continued buoyancy of earnings (despite ministerial exhortation), a small reduction in income tax, and a much larger reduction in inflation because of the lower oil price.

The only way of sustaining the consumer boom, if that is what the Chancellor regards as desirable, will be through ever-expanding consumer credit and, dare one say it, sizeable reductions in income tax in the Budget.

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● The Abbey National Building Society is issuing a \$200 million Eurobond, due February 18 1992, paying 7½ per cent and priced at 100½ per cent.

## TEMPUS



in turnover to £55.3 million and a 34 per cent leap in pretax profits to £4.7 million in the six months to October 31.

Building materials account for 57.5 per cent of sales and timber for 40 per cent. Vol-

and 71 per cent ahead of the previous year. Earnings per share grew by 73 per cent, despite exceeding the £1.6 million one-off gain from an accounting change included in the pretax profits.

The former Howard Group provided the *zinnia* whip

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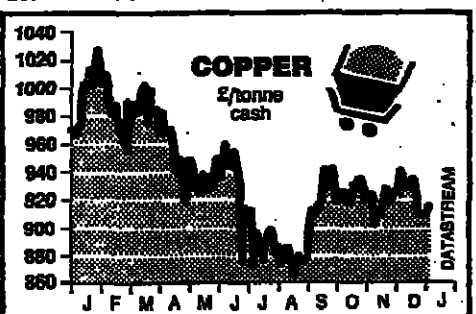




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## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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Copper (in dollar terms) has seen something of a speculative rally recently on the expectations of a pick up in seasonal demand in the first quarter. In the background is the continuing strike at Noranda's smelter in Quebec. Comment by GNL.

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<b>HEAVY FUEL OIL</b>		<b>SUGAR (From C. Combines)</b>	
Jan	98.00	FOB	
Feb	98.00	May	131.9-32.0
Mar	97.00	Aug	137.0-37.2
Apr	96.50	Oct	141.0-2.0
		Dec	144.5-4.0
		Nov	148.0-3.0
		Vol	157.0-1.0
Vol	136	Vol	27.7
<b>GAS OIL</b>		<b>COCOA</b>	
Jan	154.50-54.00	May	1295-40
Feb	155.00-55.75	Aug	1419-17
Mar	154.00-54.75	Oct	1441-40
Apr	149.75-49.25	Sep	1405-94
May	147.00-46.50	Nov	1469-59
Jun	146.00-45.25	Dec	1579-18
Jul	145.00-44.25	May	1640-35
Aug	150.00-49.00	Vol	3088
Sep	150.00-49.00		
Vol	1271	<b>COFFEE</b>	1615.00

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**STANDARD CATHODES**  
Cash \$69.00-\$69.00  
Three Months \$116.00-\$116.00  
Vol 1000  
Tone Steady

**LEAD**  
Cash \$53.00-\$53.00  
Three Months \$160.00-\$160.00  
Vol 8000  
Tone Steady

**ZINC HEAVY GRADE**  
Cash \$39.00-\$41.00  
Three Months \$28.00-\$28.00  
Vol 1750  
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**SILVER LARGE**  
Cash \$95.00-\$95.00  
Three Months \$74.00-\$76.00

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January 8

**Cattle:** Cattle, \$3.24p per lb. liv.  
(+1.20)  
Cattle, Choice 195.10p per lb.\*  
(+1.20)  
Cattle, Prime 172.67p per lb.\*  
-wt. dead carcass weight

**Hog and Pigs**  
Cattle nec., up 3.7¢, ave.  
price, \$3.22p (+1.20)  
Sow and pig, up 3.5¢, ave.  
price, 195.10p (+1.20)  
Pig nec. down 0.5¢, ave.  
price, 172.67p (-0.02)

**Sheep:**  
Cattle nec. up 1.5¢, ave.  
price, \$3.75p (+0.51)  
Sow and pig, down 0.45¢, ave.  
price, 192.54p (-0.08)  
Pig nec. up 0.5¢, ave.  
price, 172.67p (-0.02)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES**  
One Calf Contract, per lb.

Month	Open	Close
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**£2 per tone**

Month	Close	Open
Jan	111.08	110.00
Feb	113.88	113.00
Mar	115.30	114.50
May	118.00	117.00
Sep	120.00	119.00
Nov	122.00	121.00
Vol: 10,000		
Barley		10.00

LONDON POTATO FURNISHMENT		
t per tonne		
Month	Open	Close
Jan	107.80	107.80
Apr	109.50	109.50
May	119.00	117.75
Nov	80.00	80.00

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BRIEFEX		
G.M.I. Profit Potatoes Ltd		
Change Report (1984 per tonne)		
Month	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	72.00-73.00	72.00
Apr 87	73.75-75.00	74.00
Oct 87	77.00-78.50	77.25

Vol: 257 from 1000 quantity: 10000  
 Spot market: 1000 quantity: 10000  
 Dry cargo India:

100



## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 1

## How good is your sense of house prices?



Above: The Hermitage at Deddington, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, is a Grade II listed building in the market square which dates back to the 16th century and has cellars which are believed to have formed part of a medieval underground market. The property has been improved in recent years to restore features including sash windows, panelling and shutters, cornicing and coving. It has

seven bedrooms, a 46 ft reception hall, drawing-room and dining-room and an 18th century oak staircase. There is also an annex with a bedroom and sitting-room. The house has a landscaped walled garden and, say the agents, Colliers Bigwood and Bewley, could, with planning consent, make an attractive restaurant. Now, what do you think the asking price is? Pictured right is a

double-fronted detached Victorian house in Woodville Gardens, Ealing, London W5. Newly renovated, it has three reception rooms, a master-bedroom suite and four further bedrooms, with a 150 ft garden. Jackson-Stops and Scott's Fulham office are asking around - how much do you think?

The answers to both house prices are given at the foot of this page.

## Big boom is over but values hold

was involved in the sale of Fernhill Park, bordering Windsor Great Park, which breached for the first time the £10 million barrier for an English country house. Bill Yates, in charge of their country house department, says that we are now coming to a pre-election period, which usually heralds uncertainty.

He adds: "There is no doubt that recent price increases have in part been encouraged by some people in service industries being paid very large salaries, and by others whose companies have been taken over, or floated. These are the areas of demand which may be most vulnerable. However, the financial services market is becoming more and more inventive in the personal financial packages it offers and this will probably act to sustain demand from high-income earners."

In London, according to Peter Kearon, the million-pound house is here to stay and he says that 1986 saw a repeat of the minimum 25 per cent rise in values that was recorded in 1985. Grand houses continue to come on to the market, to be sold, and to be transformed.

The Middle Eastern buyer of The Holme, the Decimus Burton house in Regent's Park, London, who paid more than £5 million two years ago, with the

prospect of spending more than £2 million to put it in lavish order, is now building a "motor house" to accommodate 10 cars.

A Middle Eastern ruler who bought a £10 million house in north London through KFR a year ago plans another extravagance - underpath heating around the 11 acres of grounds so that he can freely navigate the slopes in a special buggy in the depths of winter.

Victoria Mitchell, of Savills, endorses the 25 per cent increase in London, but says the main rise took place during the first half of the year, with a levelling-out during the latter months. She adds: "Prices in the main are now coming off their peak at the height of the boom."

Savills believe that the 1987 market will be slower than 1986. "It will be a good time to buy - certainly the best in the last three years and quite possibly in the foreseeable future," she predicts. "Once the uncertainties of the general election have been removed we expect the London residential market to move forward confidently again."

In 1987, Savills believe the very best residential property will appreciate by 4 to 7 per cent, but otherwise prices will remain stable, with a wide selection of flats and houses to choose from. There will probably be less competition from foreign buyers during the year, and the British buyer should begin to dominate the market for the first time in 10 years.

Reporting on country houses, Savills' Geoffrey van Cutsem says that prices increased by about 16 per cent in the immediate home counties in the first nine months of the year, and 5 per cent in the North, and by the autumn there was clear resistance to over-priced property. He expects a "cautious" market in 1987.

Did you get the house prices right? The Deddington house is offered at £185,000; Ealing house at £395,000.

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Busy EEC Consultant seeks efficient PA to help run his office in Brussels. Excellent shorthand/typing required. English working language, but French an asset.

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Douglas Harrison,  
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£10,000 +

Enthusiastic, self motivated person with interest in nutritional medicine and with responsibility for direct patient involvement. Nursing experience would be an advantage but not essential. References required.

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Age range 23 - 30.

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£11,500  
LEGAL

As secretary to a senior partner of these Holborn Solicitors, you will enjoy an easy going boss and organising travel itineraries. Shorthand + legal exp - age 28+.

## SECRETARIES PLUS

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You need both English and French shorthand + WP skills for the General Manager of this EC3 Bank. Mortgage subsidy etc.

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Age 22-25?

Are you energetic, well-spoken, smart - and as secretary to a top banker you will deal with all his private work. 110 shorthand + WP skills. Mortgage subsidy, free lunch etc.

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If you are well groomed and well spoken with the drive and initiative to meet our needs, phone

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One will work with the Managing Director/Financial Controller, the other with the Marketing and Sales Manager.

Five day week, 9 am to 5 pm, at not less than £10K pa, plus generous lunch allowance. Preferred age range 22-30.

Write or telephone for an appointment to:

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Crone Corkill  
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BOX D90 The Times,  
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REQUIRES  
ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY  
Aged 20-35

Knowledge of French an advantage, shorthand essential. Excellent prospects. Monday to Friday, 10-6.

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Join the globe-trotting set in this VIP company. Based in superb offices in the heart of elegant St James's you will work at MD-level, liaising with an exclusive mega-rich clientele and enjoying total involvement in a professional, upmarket environment. A junior secretary is there to assist. Benefits include generous LV's, BUPA and pension. Skills 80/50. For details please call 01-493 4466.

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Efficient PA/secretary required for President of international television company. Must have experience at similar level. Excellent secretarial skills and the personality and poise to deal with both clients and top level executives. Salary according to age and experience.

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## Small Fine Art Publishing Company.

Notting Hill. Top secretary for varied responsible position. Duties include P.A. receptionist. Sole charge busy export section. Must have 5 years office experience. Handwritten letter of application to accompany c.v. with daytime tel. no. (discretion guaranteed).

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Secretarial careers start here

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+ mge and profit share  
This leading international investment bank is looking for a top-class audio secretary to assist a main board director responsible for international development. He has an extremely busy itinerary involving extensive overseas travel so you'll have to keep pace with a pretty hectic schedule. You do have the support of a junior assistant to enable you to get to grips with a pretty meaty role. Aged early to mid twenties you'll certainly be ambitious to get on. You won't be disappointed. Please contact Joanna Gregory.

01-491 1868

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£11,000

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£25,000aac - Houston, Texas

Executive Secretary/PA required for the Office of the President of an International company based in Houston, Texas. Reporting directly to the Vice-President/ Administration, the successful candidate must have first-class shorthand/typing skills, experience of minute-taking, good maths aptitude, knowledge of computers and be detail-orientated. Poise and grooming are important, as is common sense. Preferred age range 29-32 years.

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£9,500 + excellent benefits

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## New Year's aspirations

**Yours:** A stimulating job where you will be expected to work independently, and where your responsibilities will grow with your capabilities and ambitions.

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You will need the self-confidence to work with three strong-minded individuals, and the flexibility to deal with varied tasks and workloads. Also, we would expect you not to smoke in the office.

**Reward:** Your salary will be negotiable above £12,000 annually.

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As Personal Assistant to the MD you will make full use of your secretarial and organisational skills. Using an IBM Displaywriter you will deal with correspondence, assist with assignment work and be responsible for the organisation of major seminars and overseas trips, as well as becoming fully involved in the administration of the company.

Probably a graduate in your mid-twenties, you are poised, professional and confident in your approach and have a cheerful disposition. With at least two years' commercial experience you are discreet, conscientious and committed and used to liaising effectively with people at all levels.

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If you are an experienced secretary with excellent audio/typing, WP and/or Computer skills, lots of common sense and a good sense of humour, who is prepared to deal with both secretarial and administrative duties, and you are looking for a salary in the region of £9,000 p.a. Please send

Application with a (and daytime telephone number) to:  
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£8,500

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Bureau

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(Recruitment Consultants)

## RACING POST EDITORS PA

£12,000

The Editor of the Racing Post, Britain's brightest daily racing paper, needs a PA/Secretary. Applicants should be mature (24+), literate, honest, regular assignments, day-to-day care, top-bracket rewards. Etc.

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Top Jobs for Top People  
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Prestigious Solicitors require  
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The ideal candidate for this post will be aged 28-40, educated to 'A' level standard, preferably with a senior level background in advertising, management consultancy or a similarly client-oriented environment. Speeds 100/60.

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The John Lewis Partnership requires a **SECRETARY for the FINANCIAL ADVISER Department Stores** based in John Lewis Oxford Street.

This position would suit a mature person, age 40+, with excellent secretarial skills and the ability to cope calmly and efficiently with a heavy typing load.

Applicants should be mature and possess a good command of the English language.

Knowledge of IBM Displaywriters, up to Report Pack, would be an advantage, although training will be provided. Shorthand and/or audio skills are essential.

Hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Pay: £2500 - £3500, to be reviewed in March 1987.

Five weeks holiday.

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**John Lewis Partnership**

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Age 23 - 39 Skills 110/65

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This is a busy job based in the heart of the West End, with this team of successful and friendly executives.

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## RUGBY UNION

# England bow to North wind of change with their mobile approach

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England have accepted the evidence of their divisional championship and have included seven members of the successful North side in their team to play Scotland at Twickenham on January 17. Among them is David Cusani, the Orrell lock, who, with Graham Dawe, Bath's hooker, is one of the two new caps in the team.

At the same time, the selectors have observed the state of near-equality between their two trial teams (the England XV won 10-9 on Saturday) and have merged the talents of both sides, hoping that will produce a side capable of recovering the Calcutta Cup and, in the long term, of having a sufficiently successful Five Nations tournament that they may form the basis of the World Cup squad in Australasia in May and June.

Inevitably, there will be argument over some of those players who have been dropped, notably in the back row where Paul Simpson and Peter Winterbottom win preference over John Hall and Gary Rees. The contest between the two open-side flankers, Winterbottom and Rees, will run and run: Winterbottom's sheer physical presence and improved distribution giving him the nod on this occasion. He has also settled into a new job in a gymnasium which ensures regular, and healthy, employment.

Simpson displaces Hall, his club colleague, on the blind side and will also act as pack leader, a role he assumed with great success for the North. Simpson's two previous caps came in the 1983-4 season, against New Zealand and Scotland, when he was unlucky to be dropped. But he has remained a forceful presence for Bath, a piratical smile never far from his lips, and his upright style may suit the hard grounds England should find in Australia in May.

Paul Rendall's international

career has stuttered and spluttered to five caps over the last three years but few front row forwards in England will dispute that he is among the best in his position, or that the best will be needed to cope with the massive Iain Milne in Scotland's front row. He displaces Gareth Chilcott, who has collected a couple of injuries in recent weeks and misses the chance of propping his club colleague, Dave Rendall, who also has a significant role at the lineout where Nigel Redman and Cusani will be hoping to establish themselves.

## England team

W H H Rose (Harlequins)  
M E Harrison (Wakefield)  
J B Salmon (Harlequins)  
K G Simms (Wasps)  
R Underwood (Leicester)  
C R Andrew (Wasps)  
R J Hall (Bath, captain)  
P A Gendall (Wasps)  
R G Dwyer (Bath)  
G S Pearce (Northampton)  
P D Simpson (Bath)  
N C Redman (Bath)  
D A Cusani (Orrell)  
P J Winterbottom (Huddersley)  
D Richards (Leicester)

REPLACEMENTS: S J Halliday (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), R Harding (Bristol), G J Chilcott (Bath), B C Moore (Nottingham), G W Rees (Nottingham)

Behind the scrum, once the decision had been made to choose three of the North's three-quarters, it made sense to give them the stand-off half who knows them; hence Rob Andrew returns at the expense of the unlucky Stuart Barnes. Neither is playing at the top of his form at the moment but there is a new assertiveness in Andrew's approach this season and, again in the long term, his knowledge of Australian conditions should make him a valuable member of the World Cup squad.

The centre pairing of Jamie Salmon and Kevin Simms has a nice balance to it. One could have said much the same had Simon Halliday and Will Carling been chosen, but I suspect that the back line was always likely to contain Salmon, for

his organisational powers, and that Simms has a considerable edge on Carling in terms of sheer experience.

Carling, though, will not be forgotten. His advance has been one of the benefits of this season, as has been that of Jon Webb, the Bristol full back. That advance has stopped short of a full cap for both of them, since Marcus Rose — like Simpson — makes an international comeback after a long absence. He was last capped against Ireland in 1982, since then he has regained confidence in a damaged shoulder and remodelled his goal-kicking style. He now hits the ball with great consistency and will go into the international as first-choice kicker. Webb, meanwhile, will be asked to work on that aspect of his game, possibly in conjunction with Dusty Hare, the world's leading points scorer.

From the team that played against Japan in October, there are eight changes, of which only one — at lock — is enforced by injury. Five of them are in the pack where the unlucky Brian Moore misses a cap at hooker; the other three include the right wing, where Mike Harrison replaces the place from Mark Bailey. Of the team that started against France at the end of last season, seven survive; of those who are gone, Nigel Melville has retired from rugby, Maurice Colough from international rugby, and Huw Davies and Wade Dooley have both been held back by injury.

I like the look of the new back division, which will benefit from an early touch of the ball — an aspect which Andrew developed well during the trial. The pack is unlikely to prove an overwhelming set-piece force, therefore they must compensate by having the mobility which distinguished the North's game this season and which is a feature of leading international teams.

## England's colts go for experience

By David Hands

Three members of the Warwickshire team which won the Colts county championship last month are among the England Colts party of 22 to train this weekend, a session culminating in a match against London at Twickenham on Sunday morning. Matthew Barker (hooker), Robert Hardwick (prop) and Julian Hyde (lock) are all in contention for the Colts representative games later in the season. The squad also includes three players with first class experience: Michael Rissman (Rugby), the younger brother of John, the Oxford Blues; Rupert Moon, Aberystwyth's scrum-half and brother of Richard, the England B scrum-half; and Steven Hackett, last year's England schools wing, who has made a considerable impression for West Hartlepool and Durham county this season.

COLTS TRAINING SQUAD: M Barker (Leicester), P Bond (Barnsley), J Burroughs (Gloucester), J Dunning (Gloucester), G Girdlestone (Gloucester), A Gillingham (Leicester), S Hackett (West Hartlepool), R Hardwick (Barnsley), C Henson (Gloucester), P Hall (Rugby), J Hyde (Gloucester), J Jones (Gloucester), J Lloyd (Aberystwyth), A Macdonald (Gloucester), P Mackay (Gloucester), P Marshall (Gloucester), P May (Gloucester), P O'Brien (Rugby), A Sharp (Gloucester), J Street (West Park).

## Davies back

Huw Davies, England's full back last year, will play his first senior game of the season when he returns out for Wasps against Llanelli at Stadio on Saturday. Davies, aged 27, who suffered a serious shoulder injury last season, had an operation in September and returned to rugby last month with two games in the Wasps third team.

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The second heat had been long delayed, with the jury and organizers apparently undecided as to whether to go ahead with it in the adverse conditions.

Third was Vegard Opaas, of Norway, with a jump of 106 metres and 105.40 points, ahead of Miran Tepeš, of Yugoslavia, and Ulf Findeisen, of East Germany. Vettori was the tournament winner with 710.2 points, ahead of Opaas (705.2) and Findeisen (702.4). In the World Cup standings, Vettori leads with 122 points, ahead of Opaas (117), the Yugoslavian

## O'Donnell doubt

The London Irish centre, Paul O'Donnell, who suffered a leg injury against Nottingham last weekend, faces a fitness test before the John Smith's Match at Table B rugby union match at Richmond on Saturday. John O'Donnell, the flanker, has taken up a medical appointment in Manchester and is unavailable.

## VOLLEYBALL



Rising sun: The Japanese students side at Alexandra Palace (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

## England learn from top sides

By a Special Correspondent

It is fitting that England will watch from the sidelines when the first matches are played in the Pickfords Cup Travel international volleyball trophy at the Alexandra Pavilion in North London today.

Having invited three of the world's top nations for what is billed as the most prestigious volleyball event staged within these shores, the organizers are hoping that the tournament will help bring about a revolution in the sport in this country.

The chasm between the English game and the likes of Japan, the bronze medal winners in the last Olympics, is of Grand Canyon proportions.

Freda Bussey, the coach to England's top women's club side, Ashcombe, and head of the English delegation for this week's tournament, yesterday said: "In terms of the number of years we are away from matching the Japanese game, I'd say forever. We need to change our whole culture and hopefully tournaments like this will show people what volleyball is all about. We can't simply hope to take 12 players and make them into a competitive national team. We train four hours a week in the clubs while the likes

of the Japanese are away for weeks at a time."

Japan can attract more television coverage in one week than England can in a year and the difference is underlined further by the fact that 9,500 schools competed in last year's Japanese Primary Schools championships.

The Japan Volleyball Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, while the English Association was formed just 24 years ago.

The Ashcombe coach watched Japan training in London yesterday and although it is a Japanese students team and not the full international squad that will play this week, they were impressive.

"They are very mobile," Mrs Bussey said, "and very, very fast around the court. Although they are not as strong hitters as other Japanese teams I've seen their movement around the court is very impressive."

While Japan are building towards the next Olympic Games in Seoul, England are building towards the Spring Cup in Switzerland in April. The coach, Barry Swann, had his first training camp at Crystal Palace at the turn of the year and

England will now seek to get their players together for longer periods.

Cuba, who face England tomorrow morning are favourites to win this week's event having taken the silver medal at the world championships in Bulgaria. The German Democratic Republic finished fourth in the world championships and they meet Cuba on Friday evening in what is likely to be the tournament decider.

Norway replace Peru, who dropped out a fortnight ago, and open the tournament proper against the East Germans tonight. The East Germans warm up against Sweden this morning but the match will not count towards the Pickfords international trophy. England's matches will only be friendly affairs and the trophy will be fought out between Cuba, Japan, GDR and Norway. Channel 4 are covering the event and will screen highlights at a later date.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Today 10.30am Sweden v East Germany; 1.30pm East Germany v Norway; 8.00pm Japan v Cuba; Tomorrow 10.30am England v Cuba; 1.30pm East Germany v Japan; 8.00pm England v Sweden; 7.00pm Japan v Norway; 8.00pm Cuba v East Germany.

## GYMNASTICS Champion may lose facilities

Carl Rainbird (right), who yesterday became the first gymnast to be awarded a Knit Scholarship in Scotland, is in danger of losing his training facilities in his home town of Huddersfield (a special correspondent writes).

Karl, aged 16, the British youth champion, trains at the Paddock Centre, which comes under the youth rather than the leisure services of Kirklees Council. Intended cuts in the youth services have now placed the future of the centre in jeopardy.

Coached by his father, Ian, Karl trains nearly every day at Paddock. Using facilities elsewhere would add considerable travelling time to the 21 hours a week which he already devotes to training. Karl began his gymnastics career eight years ago, and is now a bright British prospect. He is a schoolboy



international and has already represented England 10 times. Last November, he became the Knit Scholar of the Month.

The scholarship will take Karl and his father to the renowned Soviet national youth gymnastic centre at Vladimir for a month in August where he will train under expert coaches.

Brace Morris, of Knit Foods who presented both awards to Karl at Leeds Athletic Institute, said: "We are proud and excited to give such encouragement to gymnastics at grass-roots level for the first time."

## SNOW REPORTS

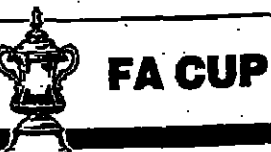
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## FOOTBALL

## Bond is enjoying his new life in financial bondage

By Dennis Shaw



## FA CUP

His back is still guardsman-straight, his shoulders square, his smile relaxed and friendly as ever. From headlines to headlines, John Bond has remained the faithful in football and the future.

Without a trace of bravado, the charismatic character who once spent money as though from a personal mint in his home town, insists that he is enjoying the experience of helping to steer Birmingham City away from bankruptcy.

"There is no argument about it for me," he observes with one eye on the bank balance and another on the publicity value. "We could improve our financial situation considerably and also give the club added credibility with the public."

Unhappily, Birmingham's tie with Ipswich at Portman Road has been afflicted with the kind of misfortune that prompts Bond's predecessor, Ron Saunders, to employ a bizarre series of methods to attempt to exorcise a gypsy's curse said to have afflicted the club for 75 years.

"Even our chairman, Ken Whelohan, has now started talking about the curse," jokes

## Brazilian on trial

Birmingham City have taken the 31-year-old former Brazilian international mid-field player Joao Batista on a two-week trial, with the hope of signing him to strengthen their second division promotion campaign. Batista, who played in all Brazil's World Cup ties in Argentina in 1978 and once as a substitute in Spain in 1982 has recently had a similar trial spell for Sheffield Wednesday.

Bond, who would no doubt cry if he thought too hard about the form of his late father, former Wayne Clarke, through suspension and his defender, Paul Hart, with a broken leg.

Backed by Whelohan last week, Bond scraped together £15,000 to buy the experienced Hart from Sheffield Wednesday, partly with the cap in mind, yet promptly lost him in the first half-hour of his opening game against Plymouth.

"Experiences such as we have had at this club when I was in charge, it is hoped, a Bermuda Triangle of three former Manchester City managers, completed by Ron Saunders (West Bromwich Albion) and Billy McNell (Aston Villa), all three desperately seek cap success."

"The wonderful thing about the FA Cup is that every club in the country starts off by thinking 'I wonder if this could be our year' because it can happen."

Bond added: "I was reluctant when I went to Mainz Road. They had not won for 11 matches and picked up only four points. That was the end of October. I was in the mood to go to Manchester United, yet now that I am a more seasoned and mature manager, nobody notices."

Bond admits to missing certain aspects of his earlier career at Norwich and Ipswich. City but only mildly. "We can't afford to do things with style," he confesses. "The overnight

## United's trio on way back

Norman Whiteside, Graeme Hogg and John Sivebek, who all missed Manchester United's match at Southampton last weekend through injury, may return for the FA Cup third round derby against Manchester City at Old Trafford on Saturday. All three trained yesterday.

United's other injured players, Bailey, Robson, McGrath, Moses and Walsh, have no chance however, of making the sell-out all ticket clash.

Manchester City also have problems. Not the least is a back injury to their teenage forward, Moulden, which will keep him out for at least two months. Greatish, Giddman, McCarthy and White are suffering from a virus infection.

Reading, the second division club who entertain Arsenal in the League leaders, in the FA Cup third round on Saturday, have suffered a double blow with the probable loss of two experienced on-loan players, Paul Barron and Neil Smith.

Smith has returned to Watford after a month's loan and Barron, the Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper who is in the middle of a similar spell at Elm Park, is unlikely to be given permission by QPR to play.

Elton John, who is recovering from a throat operation, Australia, has sent a goodwill message to Maidstone United, the GM Vauxhall Conference club, who visit Watford on Saturday in the FA Cup third round.

## Scots seek probe on Cavan

The Scottish FA want an investigation into remarks made by Harry Cavan, who represents the four British associations on FIFA, world football's governing body. Cavan has claimed that the 1990 World Cup might be the last one in which Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales compete separately.

The SFA's executive committee has received a document from the Irish Football Association in which they demand that to have been made by their president. The Scottish executive committee were "disturbed" that Cavan should think this way and will be in touch with the Irish FA suggesting that the matter requires investigation.

The Irish FA announced today yesterday that Bass, the drinks firm, has again agreed to provide £11,500 sponsorship for the Irish Cup.

Billy Hamilton, the 29-year-old former Northern Ireland and Oxford United forward, was named player-manager of the League of Ireland club, Limerick, yesterday.

Hamilton, who won 42 caps, retired from playing in October because of a knee injury but said: "I've been told that I can possibly play at this level."

Alan Sunderland, the former Arsenal and England forward, will join Barnet, the GM Vauxhall Conference club, following the cancellation of his contract with Ipswich Town.

## FOR THE RECORD

## BASKETBALL

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## ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL) Eastern Conference Finals: New York Rangers 4, St. Louis Blues 3. Western Conference Finals: New York Rangers 4, Minnesota North Stars 3.

## SQUASH RACKETS

ENGLAND: National Squash Rackets Association (NSRA) Men's Singles: Peter Onions 4, David Gledhill 3. Women's Singles: Jane Webster 4, Jane Webster 3.

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## FOOTBALL

ENGLAND: Football League First Division: Manchester United 2, Ipswich Town 1. Football League Second Division: Reading 1, Barnet 0.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Reilly leads the field to coach Britain

By Keith Macklin

The management committee will meet in Leeds today to choose the next Great Britain coach, who will succeed Maurice Bamford, the coach of Leeds. No short list has been issued but it is widely believed that the field has narrowed to four well-known senior coaches: Malcolm Reilly (Castleford), Roger Millward (Hull Kingston Rovers), Alex Murphy (St Helens) and Peter Fox, who was with Leeds until his recent sacking and replacement by Bamford.

The favourite for the job is Reilly, although he will be strongly pressed by Millward, who has coached the British Lions in 1985, and Fox, a former Great Britain international, is the longest-serving coach in the Rugby League with Castleford, with whom he has survived many ups and downs. Last season they won the Challenge Cup and this season they have taken the Yorkshire Cup.

Millward has coached Hull Kingston Rovers through their recent successful years.

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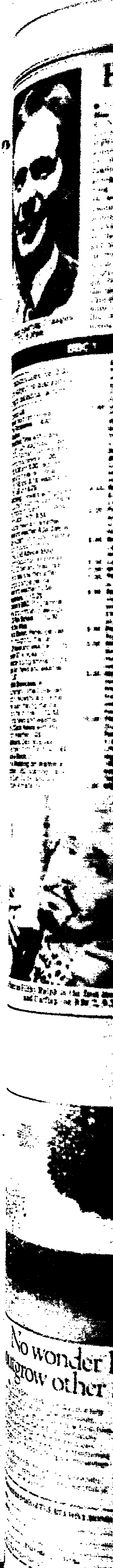
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## O'Donnell doubt

The London Irish centre, Paul O'Donnell, who suffered a leg injury against Nottingham last weekend, faces a fitness test before the John Smith's Match at Table B rugby union match at Richmond on Saturday. John O'Donnell, the flanker, has taken up a medical appointment in Manchester and is unavailable.





## TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear  
and Peter DavalleNick Owen: Sporting Triangles,  
ITV, 8.00pm

## Easy ride to the sound of music

● Towards the end of *Out of the Blue* and *Into the Black* (Channel 4, 9.00pm), a two-part documentary that continues tomorrow night, the unthinkable happens — something that, in its own way, is as inconceivable as let's say Hamlet taking a break from his avenging mission and going into a song and dance act. The pictures we see are from *Easy Rider*, the Dennis Hopper movie about two motorcycle drug peddlers that delivered a severe electrical shock to the Hollywood establishment and had an equally potent effect on moralists everywhere. But the music we hear is from *The Sound of Music* — all sweetness and light, and therefore not even inhabiting the same planet as *Easy Rider*. This extraordinary use of counterpoint effectively sums up one of this documentary's main arguments, concisely put by one of the

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men who, in the late sixties and early seventies, was part of the explosive movement that threw up films like *Easy Rider*. "Hollywood," he says, "has a history of dancing to false drums." What he means is that just as *The Sound of Music* set in motion a whole string of musicals, each one a weaker carbon copy, so *Easy Rider* led to a whole series of duplications. In both cases, the formula was not resilient enough to allow the clones to survive. The importance of *Out of the Blue* and *Into the Black* lies in its analysis (the first ever attempted on TV, I believe) of the phenomenon of a youth-based film-making culture. Before *Easy Rider*, it was unimaginable that a first-night audience should turn up bare-footed and

that the doors should be taken off the cinema walls so that the pot-smoking youngsters could not hide behind them.

● Best of the rest on TV today: *Treasure Houses* (BBC1, 5.05pm), in which a Tower of London raven keeper modestly claims that the kingdom is safe in his hands; and Michael Apted's movie *Agatha* (BBC2, 10.20pm) which offers an acceptable explanation for the brief disappearance of Agatha Christie in 1926.

● Radio choice: The *Wipers Times* (Radio 4, 4.05pm) is a well-presented feature about the First World War trench journal that, in terms both comic and serious, probably got closer to the truth about the common soldier than most military histories of the time.

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A scene from *Easy Rider: Out of the Blue and Into the Black* (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

## BBC1

Live transmissions on BBC TV are subject to disruption through industrial action

- 6.00 *Casualty* AM.  
6.30 News headlines followed by *The Flintstones*. (r) 8.55  
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.  
8.40 *Watchdog*. Viewers with gripes about the holiday industry have the chance to question holiday bosses. Jack Smith. 8.55  
9.00 Regional news and weather. News and weather 9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Glik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 8.45 *Advice Show*. Margo MacDonald examines the DHSS bed and breakfast rules to see how they affect young and single people. (r) 10.00 *News and weather*. 10.05 *Neighbours*. (r) 10.25 *Children's BBC*. Programme news, and birthday greetings. 10.30 *Play School*. (r) 10.50 *Write the Wipe*. (r)  
10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Penelope Lee with a thought for the day. 11.00 News and weather. 11.05 *Holiday 87*. A repeat of yesterday's programme. 11.35 *Open Air* (news and weather at 12.00).  
12.25 *Wildlife Showcases*. A documentary, filmed over ten years in Yellowstone's Lamar River Valley, tracing the life cycle of the coyote. (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather. One O'clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.25 *Neighbours*. Des receives career news from Daphne 1.45 *Check-a-Block*. (r)  
2.00 *Film: A Wedding on Walling's Mountain* (1982) starring Ralph Waldo, Ellen Corby, and Jon Walmsley. A made for

- television drama, a spin-off from the successful television series. Erin becomes engaged to Paul, but they cannot agree on the wedding date. Directed by Lee Phillips.  
3.40 *Just So Stories*. The Crab That Played with the Sea. (r) 3.55 *Henry's Cat*. (r) 4.10 *The Hyster*. (r) 4.15 *Jackanory*. Peter Davidson reads part of Tom's Story. (r) 4.25 *Benjamin*. (r) 4.30 *You Should Be So Lucky*. Talent contest and quiz game between stage schools throughout the country. Newsround with Roger Finn 5.05 *Treasure Houses*. London Zoo. 5.35 *First Class*. Video quiz for schools. This evening, Brighton from Cleveland meet Harris from Dundee. 6.00 *Six O'clock News* with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. London Plus. 6.35 *Wogan*. 7.00 *The Muppet Show*. The guest star is Charles Aznavour. 8.00 *Dallas*. Bobby returns from his trip to South America with evidence that finds that Miss Ellie has learnt the truth from an unexpected visitor. (Coexist) 8.50 *Points of View* with Anne Robinson. 9.00 *Nine O'clock News* with Julie Somerville and Andrew A. Harvey. Regional news and weather. 9.30 *Home and Away*. A documentary following Kerry, from the Potlatch, and Rose, from Kilmarnock, who are seeking fame and fortune on the football fields of Italy. *Film: Agatha* (1976) starring Dustin Hoffman, Vanessa Redgrave, and Timothy Dalton. A drama surrounding Agatha Christie's mysterious disappearance in December 1926 when she was the literary lioness of the moment. Directed by Michael Apted. 12.00 *Weather*.

## BBC 2

- 5.30 *Crickets: The Perth Challenge*. Live coverage of the final of the 50-over 5-a-side competition, between England and Pakistan.  
10.50 *Approximately Caesar*. 2.00 News and weather. 2.02 *Benzer*. A repeat of a cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. After Nine includes a repeat of the Ross Davidson interview; Russian 8.50's horoscopes; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.  
9.25 *Thames* news headlines followed by *Robbery*. Cartoon. 9.50 *Beyond 2000*. Machines of the future 10.40 *Wild, Wild World of Animals*. Black Slacks. (r)  
11.05 *Film: The Adventures of Curley and his Gang* (1945) starring Frances Rafferty and Larry Olsen. A small town teacher leaves, much to the sorrow of her pupils who wait with anguished anticipation for her successor. Directed by Bernard Carr.  
12.00 *Burton Moon*. (r) 12.10 *Alibis*. This first of a new series for children has as its theme water. 12.30 *What You Were Here?* A repeat of Woody's programme which included Judith Chalmers reporting from Yugoslavia's Makarska Riviera.  
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## SPORT

# Lure of Everton is decisive in chase for Snodin

By Steve Bates

Ian Snodin, the midfield player, delivered a blow to the League champions, Liverpool, last night when he joined Everton from Leeds United in an £840,000 deal, despite being offered more money by Kenny Dalglish.

The highly rated England under-21 player signed a contract for four and a half years. "To be honest, Liverpool offered me more money but I've come here purely for the football," Snodin, aged 23, said. "I chose Everton because I see them as being the side who, over the next four or five years, will be top of the ladder. They have a good squad of young players and are geared for success. It took me a couple of days to make the

decision but I'm delighted to be here." With the transfer of Stewart Robson, of Arsenal, to West Ham for a fee believed to be around £700,000, the day's transfer dealings totalled about £2.2 million, and the figure could reach £3 million by the end of the week. This week has already been the most lucrative in the game's marketplace for five years.

Snodin, who joined Leeds from Doncaster for £200,000 in May of 1985, is Everton's third-costliest signing, behind Gary Lineker (£1,050,000) and Dave Watson (£900,000).

## Robson makes a logical move

By Clive White

West Ham United paid a fee, believed to be about £700,000, yesterday for Stewart Robson, the England under-21 player who had not figured in an Arsenal side for four months because of a serious pelvic injury. He was given an extensive medical examination at Upton Park before the transfer was completed.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, revealed that Robson had asked for a transfer in September and that he sold the player with great reluctance. "His leaving has nothing to do with me. I wanted him to stay and I offered him a long-term contract. He told me he had been unhappy at the club for some time," John Lyall, the West Ham manager, admitted that the signing was the result of "a lot of hard work over the last few months."

"Our medical people are completely satisfied he will recover completely from the injury. The operation has been a complete success," Lyall said, though West Ham will probably have sought a extra insurance against further problems. He said that Robson was in full training and should be ready to play at some level within seven to 10 days. "It is rewarding that, with two top midfield players becoming available in the last couple of days, West Ham have got one of them."

It was the most logical of transfers, Robson's hopes of recovering his first team place had diminished with the removal of the form of Williams, his replacement, and it was common knowledge that West Ham were the first love of the former Essex public school boy. He was believed to have spent more time socialising with the West Ham players than with the Arsenal players.

Robson, who comes from Billericay and a family of Upton Park supporters, said: "I have always been an admirer of the way West Ham play. I like the club and the atmosphere and I regard it as a great move for me." Lyall commented: "Stewart is a natural competitor and a highly versatile player who will add greatly to our squad." Robson made his debut for Arsenal at Upton Park five years ago.

A year ago, it would have been the move furthest from the mind of the then Arsenal manager, Don Howe, who believed that he had in Robson the qualities of a born leader, not just at club level but also at international. He has been on the fringe of full England honours for some time and, but for his injuries this season, a combination of navel and groin problems, he would probably have earned his recognition this season.

A run of poor results recently has seen West Ham slip to tenth place.

## Lloyd succeeds Mullery

By Clive White

Barry Lloyd became the eighth Brighton manager in the last 14 years yesterday in succession to Alan Mullery, who was dismissed on Monday after seven months at the club. Lloyd, who has no managerial experience in the League other than as assistant to Mullery, had not applied for the position.

Brian Bedson, the chairman, did not specify the reason or reasons for the dismissal of Mullery, who was in his second spell at the club, but it was believed that a major factor was that he had not moved home from Banstead, Surrey to the club's area of Sussex as he had

promised to do. Mullery maintained that the journey took him 40 minutes. Lloyd lives in nearby Worthing.

Bedson said: "Before Alan Mullery was appointed, it was made very clear to him the commitment and dedication which the board of directors expected of him and everyone connected with the club. He gave us assurances that the policy would be carried out. Unfortunately this has not been the case. Our immediate duty is to correct that situation. In order to retain as much stability as possible, the board have decided to promote Barry Lloyd to the position of manager."

"He's a player of immense talent who we feel can only improve. Billy Bremner made him captain at Eland Road because he's a leader with two good feet and pace."

"He has played in several positions at Leeds but, with all due respect, he will have better players around him here so he'll find he has the time to do the things he's good at."

"With the interest of Liverpool it says a lot that he joined us and, although I'm pleased at that, we are only the winners if he does it on the field, but I don't see that being a problem."

Snodin seems likely to make his debut against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, ironically facing his brother, Glynn Snodin, who plays for the Yorkshire club.

Kendall said: "I think it would be wrong to say he has come here to replace a particular player. Peter Reid will have a say in that and Alan Harper has performed superbly. However, Paul Bracewell has had a set-back and will have more tests on his ankle."

Snodin seems likely to be given the central midfield role he clearly favours and he seems destined to get an early chance to meet Everton's major rivals, Liverpool, when the sides meet in a Littlewoods Cup quarter-final a week on Wednesday.

Liverpool, meanwhile, were not commenting about the transfer of John Aldridge last night but it was revealed that the Oxford and Republic of Ireland forward will arrive at Anfield in February.

Leeds United, with money in hand from the transfer of Snodin, yesterday bid £250,000 for the Scottish winger, John Hendrie, of Bradford City, but they were immediately rebuffed by the chairman, Stafford Heginbotham (Martin Seaby writes).

"I rejected the approach out of hand," he said. "Leeds spoke of tentative figures which were of no interest to us and there will be no transfer activity in or out of the club until a new manager is appointed. They were told quite clearly that he is not for sale." Bradford signed Hendrie, aged 23, on a free transfer from Coventry City two years ago. Bradford expect to appoint a manager to replace Trevor Cherry within the next few days but Heginbotham refused to give any clue about his identity.

Lloyd, aged 37, achieved considerable success in his five years as manager of Worthing, of the Vauxhall-Opel League, and was with Yeovil for two and half years before that. Like Mullery he will be working without a contract. "The board have set out for my own personal direction a policy to put the club back on the right road, and it's the same policy that Alan had."

## FA want video evidence of referee fiasco

By Gerry Harrison

The Football Association have requested the television video of the weekend's match at Carrow Road when David Axcell, the Southend referee, was knocked unconscious.

It happened after the referee awarded a goal to Norwich City in the 75th minute and Charlton's players claimed the ball had not crossed the line. As Charlton's players remonstrated with Mr Axcell he was knocked to the ground. He has already told the FA he thought it was an accident and has no plans to take matters further.

But the disciplinary committee of the FA decided they should view the incident themselves and, if necessary, take action against any players involved, particularly as Mr Axcell was in no position to see what happened to him. They may, however, accept his verdict.

**Time to put sport in the picture**  
Simon Barnes on page 33



Walliser takes wing: the Swiss world champion sweeps to victory in the women's super giant slalom in Seefeld, Austria, yesterday, a result which moves her closer to the top of the World Cup standings. Report, page 35

## CRICKET

## Imran's new generation game

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

## Live on TV

Live television coverage of today's Perth Challenge final between England and Pakistan begins at 5.30 this morning on BBC2. The match will be covered until its conclusion, which is expected to be at around 10.50.

Encouraging improvement in DeFreitas's bowling on Monday and, in their last two finishes, both of them very tight, they had kept their heads. They had given a reassuring impression of knowing where to go and what to do, and of enjoying it.

The same can hardly be said of the Australian selectors. For the last Test match, starting in Sydney on Saturday, they have produced out of the hat a 30-year-old off spinner, Peter Taylor, who has played only four first-class matches, in which he has taken seven wickets. He plays for New South Wales.

To anyone outside Sydney, where he plays for Northern

District, he is virtually unknown. He bats left-handed, well enough to go in in the first four for his club but not above No. 8 for New South Wales.

When it was announced that Taylor was in the team, it was taken for granted that this was not Peter Mark, the New South Wales opening batsman, who had been considered a strong candidate to replace Boon. The Australian board was contacted to make sure they had not got their Taylors muddled up; that they had not mistaken Saville Row for Sackville Street.

There is, I think, a real possibility that the secretary's secretary, who sent the team to the press agencies, made a mistake. Much the same sort of thing happened at the Oval after the last war, when the wrong Bennett was thought to have been asked to captain Surrey.

Peter Taylor was not chosen for New South Wales against England in the last match that Gattings's side lost, Bennett (slow left arm) and the leg

## Inclusion in MCC game remote for S Africans

By Richard Streeton

In the present political climate the possibility of any South African cricketers playing for the Rest of the World XI in MCC's bicentenary match at Lord's next August, as mooted in the Republic yesterday, remains remote.

Nothing has happened to change what was agreed by all Test-playing countries at last July's ICC meeting. The ICC members accepted that South Africans playing in English cricket were eligible for the MCC team. The obvious example is Clive Rice, who, if he were selected, would be described as a Nottinghamshire player. He would not be considered to be representing South Africa, a point which was stressed at the meeting.

It seems improbable, therefore, that the Rest of the World XI selectors would risk

the inevitable controversy that would follow if they chose a South African. The selectors are Hubert Duggart, chairman of MCC's bicentenary sub-committee, who left for Sydney yesterday to watch the final Test match, and Clive Lloyd (West Indies) and Allan Border (Australia), who have already been designated as the Rest's manager and captain.

In other circumstances an obvious South African candidate for inclusion would be Graeme Pollock, who is retiring this year. The South African left-hander has not played in England since 1970. However much MCC might wish to honour one of the game's greatest batsmen, the risk of the bicentenary celebrations being ruined by the withdrawal of other countries would be too great.

## Signing on

The Worcestershire chairman, Duncan Fearley, leaves Britain today hoping to sign Ian Botham and also ensure the county keeps its all-rounder, Dipak Patel.

His first stop is Sydney where he hopes to clinch a deal with Botham. He then moves on to Auckland to discuss Patel's plans for next summer. There has been speculation Patel wants to qualify to play for New Zealand.

spinner, Holland, being preferred to him. In a rain-ridden match just finished, between New South Wales and Tasmania, Taylor's figures were one for 58 in 26 overs.

For their last two home Test victories, both achieved at Sydney (against West Indies in January 1985 and New Zealand in November last year), Australia were indebted to Holland, who took 20 wickets in the two matches at 15 apiece.

As expected, Boon has been dropped for Sydney, as has McDermott. Taylor is McDermott's replacement and Wellham, the New South Wales captain, comes in for Boon. If Wellham's appearance provides Border with some useful local knowledge to fall back on, it leaves him without a specialist opening partner for Marsh. Presumably Jones or Wellham will be asked to tackle the job, though neither of them does it for his team.

In their imitation of a committee that seems to have little idea of continuity — except in retaining as captain a numbed and disillusioned Border — the Australian selectors are giving a devastating exhibition. The resurgence of Greg Chappell, who is one of them, might have met with more approbation than doing what they have. The last selector to be brought back while selecting was probably Freddie Brown in 1953, when he was 42.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: G Marsh, D Jones, G Border (captain), G Lloyd, D Holland, S Waugh, G Matthews, P Sheel, P Zohrer, M Hughes, B Field, P Taylor.

## Farmer Dawe reaps a reward

By David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

Graham Dawe, the Bath hooker, is to win his first cap for England after barely a year playing first-class rugby. He was one of two newcomers named yesterday in the side to play Scotland for the Calcutta Cup at Twickenham on January 17, the other being David Cusani, the 6ft 6in Orrell lock.

Dawe, aged 27, helps run the 200-acre family farm near Llanmencost in Cornwall. He played for his county four years ago and won non-travelling reserve cards for England, which helped his decision to leave the Llanmencost club for Bath at the start of last season. Playing and travelling with Bath involves a round trip of some 300 miles, a commitment which has helped Dawe advance so far so fast. He made his senior debut just over a year ago and was included in the national squad earlier this season, having come to the notice of the selectors because of his aggressive loose play, his accurate throwing-in at the lineout and his scrummaging.

"Things have been going really well but I didn't have a particularly relevant diving jump yesterday," Dawe said yesterday. "I lost 'em and didn't put in a 100 per cent display. But the trial felt good and I knew I was in with a chance."

Dawe spent the early part of his career at scrum half, full



Dawe's rapid advance back and forth; his standing ability being a notable part of his game. His main weakness is the speed of his striking, which has improved as he has gained experience at a higher level. Jack Rowell, his club coach, said: "Graham has no parallel among English hookers for his play in the loose and his set-piece game is now very solid as well."

Cusani is another who has come through after notable setbacks to his career. Also 27, he toured with the English Under-23 side to Italy in 1982 and, in South Africa with the senior side two years later, was unlucky to miss a cap in the second international against the Springboks.

After returning home, he damaged a knee playing for Orrell, a two-month wait for an operation and a long recovery period removed him from action for the rest of the season and another knock early in the following season.



Cusani: useful trial

ensured that that, too, would be lost. His training during last summer restored his confidence and his play for his club, and for Llanmencost (who are not short of locks) has developed his scrummaging. He came into the North XV for their final divisional game and confirmed the good impression he made there with a useful trial last week. He works in Manchester for a travel firm and is another player whose early career included spells among the backs before graduation to the back row of the scrum, thence to lock.

Both Dawe and Cusani will be among the match squad to train in London this weekend, the venue depending upon the weather, for which the forecast is bad. The squad will meet again for training next Thursday when, contrary to normal practice, the session will be private. The selectors have decided that, at recent Thursday training sessions, there has been too much diversion from members of the media to allow the players to concentrate upon their preparations.

In this respect, they will resemble Scotland whose team will be announced today. They will inevitably hold their main training session prior to an international in private.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

## Cash lure for Hagler

Barney Eastwood, the Belfast promoter, has made a \$1 million (about £680,000) offer to Marvin Hagler to defend his World Boxing Association middleweight title against Herol Graham, the official No. 1 contender from Sheffield.

Eastwood has made his move following advice from the WBA. Hagler's mandatory defence of their version of the title is overdue and the fact that he is due to defend the WBC championship against Sugar Ray Leonard in April will delay it even further. The WBA have given him 30 days to negotiate a title defence.

## Storie move

Warwickshire County Cricket Club have offered terms to the young Northamptonshire batsman, Alistair Storie, who has been released at his own request. The Edgbaston club have also noted the availability of Northamptonshire's pace bowler, Neil Mallender, and will step up their interest if they fail to persuade Graham Dillie, of Kent, to move to the Midlands.

## Away trip

BCF London's home first division match with Hemel Hempstead Royals in the Carlsberg National Basketball League tonight will be at Uxbridge (8pm) and not Crystal Palace.



Baddeley: well-earned rest

## Winding down

Steve Baddeley, England's Commonwealth badminton champion, has decided not to challenge for a world title in China, England's No. 1 from Enfield, Middlesex, will be having his first complete break from the sport for five years while the world championships are in progress during May. Baddeley, aged 25, has decided to rest from competitive play after the all-England competition at the end of March until the Malaysian Open in mid-July.

## Reason blow

Sam Reason will have to wait for his chance to win the vacant European cruiserweight boxing title following the withdrawal of Angelo Rottoli, of Italy, from their championship bout. Reason, from Battersea, gave up the British title after receiving the European nomination and was due to fight Rottoli in Italy, on February 21.

## Games hope

Basle (AP) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, has been reported as saying that he is confident that an agreement will be reached next month with North Korea in the dispute over the hosting of the 1988 Olympic Games awarded to South Korea.

"The IOC made a unique and historic offer to North Korea by proposing that four events be transferred to the North," Samaranch said. "Pyongyang has not yet given its definitive answer. But this problem ought to be resolved in about four weeks in the next meeting with North Korea."

North Korea has demanded to co-host the Games and warned of a possible boycott by Communist countries if its demands are not met.

## New faces

Scotland have selected an experimental team for the badminton international against Iceland on January 20 at the Cockburn Centre, Glasgow. With Dan Travers and Billy Gilliland not available, Alan McGilligan and Russell Hogg, both aged 19, have been brought in to play the second men's doubles with McGilligan also playing in the singles.

TEAM: Men's singles: A Gallagher (Perth), A McGilligan (Glasgow), Women's singles: A Gilligan (Glasgow), G Martin (Glasgow), Men's doubles: A Gilligan (Glasgow), P Gilligan (Glasgow), R Hogg (Dumfries), McGilligan, Women's doubles: A Gilligan (Glasgow), Martin, Gilligan, J Brown (Glasgow), Mixed doubles: K McGilligan (Glasgow), Gordon, Pringle, M McGilligan (Glasgow).

## SNOOKER

## Reynolds finds his touch

By Sydney Friskin

Dean Reynolds, of Grimsby, reached the semi-finals of an open tournament for the first time after his 5-1 defeat of Cliff Wilson in the Mercantile Credit Classic at Blackpool yesterday. Wilson gained consolation with a break of 88 which enabled him to win the fifth frame.

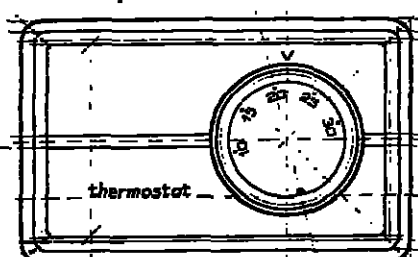
In his previous match, against Wayne Jones, Wilson recovered to win 5-3 after losing the first three frames with a glittering array of shots. This time he was 0-4 down at the interval. Reynolds tightened his grip as his confidence grew after winning the first frame.

There was nothing spectacular in the next two frames, and Reynolds steered a generally steady course to win the sixth frame and the match.

Silvino Francisco eagerly awaits his quarter-final match today against Stephen Hendry, of Scotland, who beat Francisco in the fourth round of this tournament at Warrington last year. Francisco hopes that his experience will carry him through. Steve Davis will play John Parrott in the remaining quarter-final.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: D Reynolds (Eng) in G Wilson (Wales), 5-1. Frame scores: Reynolds first 75-45, 55-20, 74-27, 77-38, 25-105, 69-24. Fifth round: S Francisco (Sth Afr) in P Parrott (Wales), 5-1. Frame scores: S Francisco first 50-77, 70-55, 72-42, 60-22, 60-42, 100-23.

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